

# St Peter's Church, Ropley



**Annual Report  
and  
Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**St Peter's Church, Ropley PCC**  
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*Reverend Amber Beresford and family*

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023 — Vicar's Report

*For the five months that I have been Vicar here at St Peters Ropley, I have seen the most incredible set of teams work tirelessly, with passion and enthusiasm to create and strengthen community as well as share this most beautiful resource of the church building.*

*Arriving at this point in St Peter's journey, having had just 18 months in the new building, I have loved to see this part of the body of Christ discovering again what it means to be a church family with and in the resource of a building.*

*St Peter's has a special part in the community, working alongside the school, the shop, the parish hall and coffee rooms, and all who make Ropley life the joy it is. I am so blessed to be able to arrive at this exciting time to join in the work that has already started, leading St Peter's more deeply into our call as a church, to love and serve all the people in our parish, and to lead God's people to worship and love Him.*

*I am also excited about our areas of growth, our incredible choir and music, our community events, our children's ministry in school, with Crafty events and on Sunday, all our services and the way our lettings team have welcomed a variety of groups of incredible people into the church.*

*This has taken many individuals, each called and prompted to serve, with all their unique strengths, to work together to create the most beautiful community. On behalf of all that have been blessed by St Peter's, well done and thank you to each person.*

*My hopes for the next year are to build the foundations for continued growth, in depth of faith, in love of people and in using our resources well. I hope to see the pastoral care and outreach that already goes on develop so that more can reach out to love their neighbour and seek those in need.*

*As we welcome more families and a variety of different people, we discover more about what being a church family looks like in 21st century Hampshire, enabling **everyone** to experience the home of God's love and to know how that encounter changes the world.*

*If anything in this Annual Report has prompted you to want to join in with anything here at St Peter's, or start something you have felt was missing, do get in touch with myself or one of our churchwardens.*

*Every Blessing,*

*Amber.*

Reverend Amber Beresford

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Peter's Church is situated in Church Street, Ropley. It is part of the Alresford Deanery in the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Lyeway Lane, Ropley, Alresford, Hants. SO24 0DW

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission Registered Charity Number 1176142

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

#### ***Vicar:***

Rev'd Clare Welham (to May, 2023); Rev'd Amber Beresford (from October, 2023)

#### ***Churchwardens:***

Mrs Barbara Pettegree, Mrs Sarah Earthy

#### ***Representatives on the Deanery Synod:***

Mr Keith Monkhouse, Mr Humphrey Carr

#### ***Elected Members:***

Mr Ron Beal	Website Manager
Mr Humphrey Carr	Parish Stewardship Promoter
Mrs Julia Flory	Minutes Secretary
Mr Alan Parsonson	Treasurer
Mrs Deborah Shellard	
Mrs Susan Thomas	Safeguarding Officer, Trainee Churchwarden
Mrs Alison Wood	Electoral Roll Officer, PCC Secretary

#### ***Co-Opted Members***

Mr Andy Bonner	Church rebuilding co-ordinator
Ms Anne Carter	

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 there were 95 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 82 were resident in the parish.

The total Worshipping Community at the end of 2023 was 77.

## AIMS AND PURPOSES

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working together with the incumbent in promoting the Christian Church throughout the parish of St Peter's. This includes the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church and churchyard of St Peter's, Church Street, Ropley.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to welcoming as many people as possible to worship in our church and to become part of our Christian community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and offers guidance on how our services can become a place of welcome, support and encouragement. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

## OUR CHURCH THIS YEAR Report of The Churchwardens

2023 has been another remarkable year in the life of St. Peter's Ropley. We have got used to our beautifully restored building with its incredible potential and occasional quirks. We have welcomed new members and been there with those saying goodbye.

Our wonderful vicar Rev Clare Welham, who did such remarkable things reuniting our church community and leading the rebuild of St Peter's with wisdom, perseverance and humour, moved in May 2023 to become Priest-in-Charge at Liss. After a 5-month interregnum (not long in CofE terms), the Rev Amber Beresford was licensed in October 2023 as the new Vicar of the Benefice of Bishop's Sutton, Ropley and West Tisted.

We are so blessed to have Amber, her husband, Toby, and their three children join us. Looking forward and building on the work that Clare begun, Amber has continued the close links with Ropley CofE Primary School and 2024 will see the start of Children's Church during the main service and a monthly more informal Café Church. The hope is to open out worship, teaching and fellowship to all ages so that the church will thrive.

We are grateful to everyone who supported us during the interregnum, remembering especially the Bishop of Basingstoke, the rural dean Rev David Chattell, Rev Bryce Fletcher and visiting clergy, together with those from our own congregation who helped with readings, led intercessions, took services and shared reflections.

At the end of August, we celebrated the first anniversary of St Peter's being open; a very joyous occasion and wonderful to see the church so full. Over the year we have been delighted with the flexibility of the building as we hosted varied events, both sacred and secular. Memorable concerts (acoustics tried and tested); a magnificent Flower Festival and Songs of Praise to celebrate the King's Coronation; an opera evening; games mornings; Ropley School Easter, Harvest and Christmas Services, and a visiting Art Group who transformed the space into a studio for 2 days.



*Christingle Crib Service*

The first church wedding in St Peter's for nine years took place in October and we have come together as a community for celebrations and commemorations throughout the Church calendar. We know that many local people and visitors, including those walking the Pilgrim's Way and St Swithun's Way, come into the church during the week for quiet reflection, to enjoy the space or to play with the toys in the community room.

Sincere thanks to Alison Benton for assembling a choir for the King's Coronation that has remained together and sings monthly at a service of Holy Communion; to Christine Drewienkiewicz and Jill Shakespeare for co-ordinating the flower festival and the amazing events team led by Jules Flory and Anne Carter.

St Peter's 2.3 acres of churchyard have been kept tidy by a small team - Quentin Sandell, Pete Whatley, Sue Grace and Stephen Broadbent - who have battled against walking around the village to collect mowers that have been kindly stored in people's sheds and garages. Special thanks to Jonathan and Jules Flory, who have stored the ride-on mower for so long.

The good news is that the sheds are now in situ and nearing completion, thus enabling the gardening equipment to be stored on site. Volunteers to help keep the grass down conserving certain areas would be most welcome!

As visitors will realise, the restoration of St Peter's is not quite finished. Thanks to generous donations from individuals and groups, fund-raising efforts and a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NHLF), we are now able to go ahead with repair of the bells damaged in the 2014 fire. Special thanks must go to Roger Booth for masterminding our application to the NHLAF. We hope that the bells will return to St Peter's in the late summer/early autumn of 2024. Our other major fundraising project currently is for resurfacing of the footpaths, long overdue, and the installation of some low-level lighting.

The PCC would like to thank all who make our weekly worship and special events such a success. So many people give their time, energy, enthusiasm and talents. Particular thanks go to Barbara Pettegree, who is stepping down as Church Warden at the 2024 APCM. Barbara took on the role two and a half years ago to fill an unexpected vacancy and has brought so much warmth, insight, kindness and humour; becoming an expert on the Diocesan faculty application process, providing pastoral care and looking after us all.

Thanks also to:

- our sides people Roy and Shirley Wyeth, Jason Clements, Roger Wood and Liz Wheeler, who provide such a warm welcome to regulars and visitors alike;
- the Flower Team for their beautiful weekly displays;
- Alison Lester, Alison Benton and John Bate for planning music for services and playing the organ;
- our readers and intercessors;
- the refreshments team led by Alison Wood;
- Julian and Debbie Shellard, who lead the Benefice Prayer Group to pray for people in the villages, taking a road or lane at a time, and for anyone who requests prayer or for whom prayer is requested;
- Andy Bonner for continuing to oversee the management of the building; and to
- all those who have moved chairs, tables, screens and children's toys many times over the year.



*Mrs Hughes donating our splendid new Christening, Marriages and Deaths Book together with other Donors*

We face 2024 secure in the knowledge that God has remarkable things in store for us as a church and excited about the challenges and joys that lie ahead.

## **ROPLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL (Report by Alison Wood)**

Kerriann Mclackland and the Rev'd Clare Welham represented the PCC as our foundation Governors. With Rev'd Clare's move to Liss in May, 2023, Sue Pakenham-Walsh agreed to serve as the second Foundation Governor. We are very grateful to them all for fulfilling this role with such dedication and commitment.

Revd Clare and Rev'd Amber visited the school weekly for collective worship on a range of weekly themes. We are very grateful to the Rural Dean, Rev'd David Chattell, for taking services at the school during the 5 months when we were without a Vicar.



*Bishop David opening "Norma's Garden" with Tim Day*



The annual Year 6 Leavers Service in Winchester Cathedral took place and it was a pleasure to see how well the year 6 group represented their school. Once again, Ropley Leavers were presented with a bible donated by St Peter's Church.

Since the reopening of St Peter's in August, 2022, the links between the Church and School have gone from strength to strength. The children really enjoy being back in their village church. Several collective worship services have been held in the church, as well as special services, such as the Harvest Festival and the Nativity and Christmas services, which were attended by parents as well as pupils and teachers.

## **DEANERY SYNOD** **(Report by Keith Monkhouse)**

### **1. Church Finances.**

There is continuing consideration of church finances. During 2023 the Deanery discussed:

- The need to keep Deanery contributions to the Diocese for each parish representative on the Deanery Synod up to date. It was agreed that a benefice representative would be sought to ensure that this is achieved.
- How can we help struggling parishes.
- How can we reverse the trend to future budget deficits.
- Are there areas of Parish Support which could be improved.
- Are there areas which are not currently supported.
- The need for greater transparency was a theme discussed in all groups.
- A suggestion to share more information with the general public and be more honest about the state of the Church's finances.
- The mismatch between Electoral Roll numbers and people actually attending church services was highlighted. More assistance with completion of the Worshipping Community figures is needed.
- The declining wealth and age of those who make up the Roll was becoming more of an issue.
- The positive impact of digital giving.
- The proposed clergy stipend increase was supported, and the meeting recognised that this would mean an increase in CMF.

### **2. Deanery Synod Link with Nyaruguru Diocese , Rwanda.**

A vote was taken with our Parishes voting in favour as decided at the previous PCC meetings. In all, 12 parishes voted in favour and 4 (Old Alresford, New Alresford, Bighton and Ovington and Itchen Stoke) voted against. Motion passed. A sub-committee is to be formed to coordinate activities.

## **STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH GIVING SCHEME** **(Report by Humphrey Carr)**

While we are still actively fundraising to renew the church footpaths, with lighting at ground level, we must not overlook the need, which is almost our duty, to make our payment to the Common Mission Fund (CMF), which has been set at just over £26,000 for 2024, slightly less than for 2023.

To remind you, the CMF is what we are asked to pay to the Diocese as our contribution towards Clergy housing, stipends and pensions, and the running costs of the Church in the Diocese. 78% of Diocesan income comes from the parishes.

26 members of the congregation donated regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme in 2023 (two less than last year), but with Gift Aid this regular giving contributed an amazing £36,675. The collections at the Sunday services raised £7,059.

Unfortunately we cannot rest on our laurels, as the cost of running the church building (heating, insurance, lighting, cleaning, and maintenance) continue to increase.

## **SAFEGUARDING REPORT** **(From Sue Thomas, Safeguarding Officer)**

We have not had any safeguarding issues identified in the last year.

All PCC members have been DBS approved and have undertaken the Basic and Foundation Levels of the Diocesan Safeguarding Training Course and are now working through the Domestic Abuse Awareness Course.

We have zero tolerance to any form of abuse. The PCC has approved the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy which is displayed in St Peter's and on our website.

## **WEBSITE (Report by Ron Beal)**

The Benefice website (*currently stpetersropley.org.uk*) provides the primary online information resource for St Peter's and the rest of the Benefice. It complements other online resources such as our Events website (*stpetersropleyvenue.org.uk*), the Benefice Google Calendar which lists all services, and Facebook, all of which are linked from the website.

The website contains a comprehensive History section with extensive image galleries from before, during and after the fire as well as images capturing the rebuilding.

As St Peter's is now fully open and in normal use for worship, the Benefice website is gradually reducing the focus on St Peter's to better balance the coverage of the other Benefice churches — St Nicholas, Bishop's Sutton and St Mary Magdalene, West Tisted.

## **EVENTS AND LETTINGS** **(Report by Julia Flory and Anne Carter)**

2023 has been the first full year for the Commercial side of St Peter's, which is proving to be a very popular venue, so we have divided it into two areas: -

1. Fundraising & Community Events
2. Lettings

Fundraisers for 2023 included: -

- Musical Performances by the Winchester Cathedral Chamber Choir, The Winchester Camerata and Two Shoes and a Pineapple.
- The Coronation Flower Festival over three days.
- An evening of Opera and a talk on St Peter's by the Architect, John Alexander.

Community events have included Community Choir Concerts, A Bell Ringing Day and services and Performances with Ropley School.

The Letting of St Peter's has picked up speed and we have been visited by Ecclesiastical Away Days & Meetings, events for the FROGS (Friends of Ropley School), and regular Art & Yoga groups.

All of these were organised in conjunction with the Church and made for a very full diary at St Peter's. Preparation for events has involved a lot of furniture moving and we thank all those who have been involved.

We have also developed policies and procedures to ensure people are kept safe that meet the needs of ecclesiastical standards and insurance requirements.

With the help of Katie Yates Website Design, the Events website has worked successfully continually adapting and updating therefore carrying the load of the bookings and communication processes.

Details and pictures of our 2023 year can be found on the website.

<https://www.stpetersropleyvenue.org.uk/past-events-1>

## **OUR CHURCH BUILDING** **(Report by Andy Bonner)**

It has been truly great to see how the new church building has been so heavily used over the past year, not only for church services but for exciting events like opera, concerts, handbell ringing, school events and choir recitals. The new space, facilities and winter warmth have made the church popular with all visitors, from people walking the St Swithin's Way to children playing in the community room.

Whilst the building is open and fully working 2023 saw small amounts of work continue. Fixing some of the small snags that only become obvious with use, continuing with the restoration work, and embarking on the first round of annual maintenance.

A building like St Peter's now requires a lot of safety and functionality checks and repairs to remain both functional and safe. A full programme of maintenance is now in place. Part of that maintenance is the Quinquennial Inspection that is conducted by an architect to make sure that every aspect of the building is up to standard. The Inspection last year concluded that the church itself is in good condition but there are a few items that require attention. The main ones of these being outside of the building where two of the tombs need repair and the footpaths are in serious need to resurfacing. Fundraising continues for these.

In the graveyard work started early in the year on planting the area where the building's services are to make a wildflower area which will be good for local wildlife. Plans were also put in place for new hedges and trees and an area for sheds to store the smaller maintenance equipment.

Towards the end of the year we were granted money from the Heritage Lottery to help restore the bells. This enabled work to be started and the schedule for this is that the bells will be in place by late summer of 2024. Also, due to the generosity of a local landowner, we now have planning permission to establish a car park on the field to the north of the graveyard to service both the village and the church.

## TREASURERS REPORT 2023 (by Alan Parsonson)

Once again, the PCC is grateful for the extreme generosity of individuals, grant awarding bodies and various local societies for their financial support of the PCC.

### **General Account (Unrestricted Funds):**

In 2023, the PCC agreed to re-commence its contribution towards the Diocesan Common Mission Fund, which was £27,578. In addition, for the first half of the year, it was necessary to continue to "dry out" the church giving rise to LPG costs being £7,600 throughout the year.

The total "Running Costs" for the building, including utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc., came in at £28,786 – equivalent to £78.86 per day. Amongst other issues, the PCC has, moving forward, a focus on managing this cost.

2023 saw total donations, collections and Parish Giving scheme increase by 31% over 2022 to £47,057, representing 63% of total income.

Throughout the year activity to hire the building to 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties raised £2,778.

The account balance fell by £14,192 to £81,769 over the year, leaving the PCC with sufficient funds to meet its Reserves policy.

### **Appeal Account (Restricted Funds):**

In addition to monthly donations, a programme of events organised by members of the Church have raised £15,410 over the year. These funds have been reserved for ongoing works, e.g. Footpaths and Car Park, but it has been agreed that moneys raised in the Appeal Account from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 will be allocated to the General Account to help meet anticipated increased costs.

At the end of the year the account bank balance was £29,836.

In addition, there are 4 various CCLA investment funds totalling £12,650.

### **Building Account (Restricted Funds):**

Payments in respect of the building works in 2023 amounted to £95,268 leaving a residual payment due to the builders of £82,033. In addition, £4,070 was spent on repairs to one bell.

At the end of the year the balance in the account was £16,765 which was 100% in respect of amounts ring-fenced for the restoration of the bells. In this regard, a Lottery Heritage Grant, together with other grants and donations has enabled the cost of the Bell restoration project to be fully funded.

The PCC are still entitled to a further Grant of £114,500 from the Diocese.

### **Garden Fund:**

The PCC agreed that the Garden Fund will hold 2 ring-fenced amounts for moneys raised for the War Memorial and a facility for the "Flower Fund", respectively.

Over the year the work of the Garden Society cost £2,732, of which £2,600 was for essential tree work.

The end of year bank balance was £10,504, of which £1,013 is for the War Memorial and £451 is for Flowers. In addition, there are 2 CCLA investment funds for the Garden Society totalling £23,040.

### **Reserves Policy:**

The PCC's Reserves Policy is to maintain sufficient funds in the Unrestricted Funds equivalent to cover six months' running costs and that the Restricted Funds, net of CCLA funds established for specific purposes, have sufficient funds available to meet known financial commitments.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC meet regularly throughout the year and have the ultimate responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the parish, including such matters as compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination legislation and child protection.

In addition to the main body of the PCC there is a Standing Committee comprising of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, and Secretary. They meet as required and are authorised to decide on issues which may arise between PCC meetings and need to be decided upon immediately. The Standing Committee is responsible to the PCC and reports back to it regularly.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met almost monthly throughout 2023 because of the number of issues that needed decisions to be taken quickly. Normally the PCC meets every two months.

**APPROVED BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL & SIGNED  
ON THEIR BEHALF BY PCC CHAIR**

**Rev'd Amber Beresford**

**PCC Chair**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

## St Peter's Church Rebuilt to be a place of community and belonging



*Coronation Flower Festival (Julia)*



*Rev'd Clare admires the flowers*



*Re-opening Anniversary, Bishop David*



*Art Group*



*Handbell Ringing Workshop*



*Christmas Card Sorting*



*Ropley Kings Singers — Advent Concert*



*Opera Evening with London Festival Opera*



*Ride and Stride Participants Welcomed*



St Peter's Church Ropley PCC

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Amber Beresford - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
St Peter's Church Ropley PCC

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Peter's Church Ropley PCC

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Peter's Church Ropley PCC (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Sanders BA (Hons) FCA BFP

Sheen Stickland  
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Date: .....

St Peter's Church Ropley PCC

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	60,279	29,868	90,147	415,920
Charitable activities					
Garden Society		-	-	-	569
Other trading activities	3	14,085	16,884	30,969	3,586
Investment income	4	-	2,678	2,678	159
Total		<u>74,364</u>	<u>49,430</u>	<u>123,794</u>	<u>420,234</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities					
Church activities	5	76,471	(15,002)	61,469	30,668
Church restorations		348	84,368	84,716	841,241
Garden Society		-	-	-	2,598
Total		<u>76,819</u>	<u>69,366</u>	<u>146,185</u>	<u>874,507</u>
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	739
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>					
Transfers between funds	14	(2,455)	(19,936)	(22,391)	(453,534)
		<u>(212,514)</u>	<u>212,513</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(214,969)	192,577	(22,392)	(453,534)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		95,423	(65,976)	29,447	482,981
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>(119,546)</u></u>	<u><u>126,601</u></u>	<u><u>7,055</u></u>	<u><u>29,447</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Peter's Church Ropley PCC

Balance Sheet  
31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	9	-	23,040	23,040	20,756
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	1,457	131,442	132,899	143,287
Cash at bank		81,770	69,756	151,526	239,849
		<u>83,227</u>	<u>201,198</u>	<u>284,425</u>	<u>383,136</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,773)	(97,637)	(100,410)	(174,445)
		<u>80,454</u>	<u>103,561</u>	<u>184,015</u>	<u>208,691</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>80,454</u>	<u>126,601</u>	<u>207,055</u>	<u>229,447</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(200,000)	-	(200,000)	(200,000)
		<u>(119,546)</u>	<u>126,601</u>	<u>7,055</u>	<u>29,447</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	14			(119,546)	95,423
Restricted funds				126,601	(65,976)
				<u>7,055</u>	<u>29,447</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					

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

.....  
Amber Beresford - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. There are no material uncertainties over the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern due to the sufficient cash balance held as at 31st December 2023.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving	3,323	1,125	4,448	3,100
Collections at services	7,059	-	7,059	6,964
Parish giving scheme	36,675	-	36,675	26,905
Gift aid recovered	3,058	938	3,996	6,045
Grants	1,000	-	1,000	252,000
Donations	5,764	1,599	7,363	3,582
Special collections	-	-	-	900
Ropley Church appeal	-	-	-	55,188
Commonwealth War Graves	50	-	50	50
Introduce Garden Society	-	-	-	57,176
Events	3,350	26,206	29,556	4,010
	<u>60,279</u>	<u>29,868</u>	<u>90,147</u>	<u>415,920</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
BF Energy Grant	1,000	-
Other grants	-	252,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>252,000</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Other	7,232	16,884	24,116	-
Fees	6,853	-	6,853	3,586
	<u>14,085</u>	<u>16,884</u>	<u>30,969</u>	<u>3,586</u>

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Investment income	-	2,284	2,284	-
Deposit account interest	-	394	394	159
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>159</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Church activities	57,800	1,359	2,310	61,469
Church restorations	84,368	348	-	84,716
	<u>142,168</u>	<u>1,707</u>	<u>2,310</u>	<u>146,185</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governanc costs £
Church activities	<u>2,310</u>

Governance costs comprise Independent Examiner's fees of £2,310 (2022: £2,100).

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	48,172	367,748	415,920
Charitable activities			
Garden Society	-	569	569
Other trading activities			
Investment income	3,236	350	3,586
	-	159	159
Total	<u>51,408</u>	<u>368,826</u>	<u>420,234</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Charitable activities			
Church activities	29,394	1,274	30,668
Church restorations	-	841,241	841,241
Garden Society	-	2,598	2,598
Total	<u>29,394</u>	<u>845,113</u>	<u>874,507</u>
Net gains on investments	-	739	739
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>			
Transfers between funds	22,014	(475,548)	(453,534)
	(6,375)	6,375	-
Net movement in funds	15,639	(469,173)	(453,534)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	79,784	403,197	482,981
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>95,423</u></u>	<u><u>(65,976)</u></u>	<u><u>29,447</u></u>



Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investmen £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2023	20,756
Revaluations	<u>2,284</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>23,040</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2023	<u>23,040</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>20,756</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31st December 2023 is represented by:

	Listed investmen £
Valuation in 2023	<u>23,040</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>132,899</u>	<u>143,287</u>

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	100,410	174,445
	<u>100,410</u>	<u>174,445</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	200,000	200,000
	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans	200,000	200,000

A loan of £200,000 has been received from the Diocese of Winchester Board of Finance. No interest or repayment is expected on this loan until mid 2024 at which point the interest rate and repayment schedule will be agreed with the Diocese of Winchester Board of Finance.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	95,423	(2,455)	(212,514)	(119,546)
Restricted funds				
Appeal fund	11,073	7,527	13,610	32,210
Building fund	(118,894)	(28,881)	198,345	50,570
Church Fabric fund	922	30	-	952
Organ fund	7,040	225	-	7,265
Rosemary Bray Memorial fund	1,996	64	-	2,060
Garden Society fund	31,887	1,099	558	33,544
	<u>(65,976)</u>	<u>(19,936)</u>	<u>212,513</u>	<u>126,601</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>29,447</u>	<u>(22,391)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>7,055</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	74,364	(76,819)	(2,455)
Restricted funds			
Appeal fund	40,228	(32,701)	7,527
Building fund	5,052	(33,933)	(28,881)
Church Fabric fund	30	-	30
Organ fund	225	-	225
Rosemary Bray Memorial fund	64	-	64
Garden Society fund	3,831	(2,732)	1,099
	<u>49,430</u>	<u>(69,366)</u>	<u>(19,936)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>123,794</u></u>	<u><u>(146,185)</u></u>	<u><u>(22,391)</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,784	22,014	(6,375)	95,423
Restricted funds				
Appeal fund	2,866	45,112	(36,905)	11,073
Tower fund	540	-	(540)	-
Building fund	389,963	(576,677)	67,820	(118,894)
Church Fabric fund	910	12	-	922
Organ fund	6,948	92	-	7,040
Rosemary Bray Memorial fund	1,970	26	-	1,996
Garden Society fund	-	55,887	(24,000)	31,887
	<u>403,197</u>	<u>(475,548)</u>	<u>6,375</u>	<u>(65,976)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>482,981</u></u>	<u><u>(453,534)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>29,447</u></u>

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## 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	51,408	(29,394)	-	22,014
Restricted funds				
Appeal fund	58,286	(13,174)	-	45,112
Building fund	252,664	(829,341)	-	(576,677)
Church Fabric fund	12	-	-	12
Organ fund	92	-	-	92
Rosemary Bray Memorial fund	26	-	-	26
Garden Society fund	57,746	(2,598)	739	55,887
	<u>368,826</u>	<u>(845,113)</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>(475,548)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>420,234</u>	<u>(874,507)</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>(453,534)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,784	19,559	(218,889)	(119,546)
Restricted funds				
Appeal fund	2,866	52,639	(23,295)	32,210
Tower fund	540	-	(540)	-
Building fund	389,963	(605,558)	266,165	50,570
Church Fabric fund	910	42	-	952
Organ fund	6,948	317	-	7,265
Rosemary Bray Memorial fund	1,970	90	-	2,060
Garden Society fund	-	56,986	(23,442)	33,544
	<u>403,197</u>	<u>(495,484)</u>	<u>218,888</u>	<u>126,601</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>482,981</u>	<u>(475,925)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>7,055</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	125,772	(106,213)	-	19,559
Restricted funds				
Appeal fund	98,514	(45,875)	-	52,639
Building fund	257,716	(863,274)	-	(605,558)
Church Fabric fund	42	-	-	42
Organ fund	317	-	-	317
Rosemary Bray Memorial fund	90	-	-	90
Garden Society fund	61,577	(5,330)	739	56,986
	<u>418,256</u>	<u>(914,479)</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>(495,484)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>544,028</u>	<u>(1,020,692)</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>(475,925)</u>

Appeal Fund: These accounts represent monies received towards the rebuilding of the church. The sources of funds include personal donations, grants, fundraising events and Gift Aid reclaimed.

Building Fund: These funds are for the restoration and re-building of the church. A grant of £114,500 is available from the Dioceses but hasn't been drawn yet.

Fabric Fund: These funds are for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and income is normally received from donations or specific events raising monies for the fabric of the church and not just general funds.

Organ Fund: This originates from fundraising many years ago to refurbish the organ. The success of the fundraising raised more money than required to undertake the refurbishment so the balance remaining was being used to maintain the old organ, which was subsequently destroyed in the fire.

Rosemary Bray Fund: This fund represent monies raised and used to make kneelers for the church. Again there was a surplus left after all the work was completed. It is not expected that new kneelers will be made when the church is renovated.

Garden Society Fund: The responsibilities of the, previously independent, Garden Society (charged with keeping the church grounds in good order) was transferred to the PCC. The funds for this activity are held in separate accounts and will be used solely for the original purposes of the society.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2023.

St Peter's Church Ropley PCC

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>				
Donations and legacies				
Planned Giving	3,323	1,125	4,448	3,100
Collections at services	7,059	-	7,059	6,964
Parish giving scheme	36,675	-	36,675	26,905
Gift aid recovered	3,058	938	3,996	6,045
Grants	1,000	-	1,000	252,000
Donations	5,764	1,599	7,363	3,582
Special collections	-	-	-	900
Ropley Church appeal	-	-	-	55,188
Commonwealth War Graves	50	-	50	50
Introduce Garden Society	-	-	-	57,176
Events	3,350	26,206	29,556	4,010
	<u>60,279</u>	<u>29,868</u>	<u>90,147</u>	<u>415,920</u>
Other trading activities				
Other	7,232	16,884	24,116	-
Fees	6,853	-	6,853	3,586
	<u>14,085</u>	<u>16,884</u>	<u>30,969</u>	<u>3,586</u>
Investment income				
Investment income	-	2,284	2,284	-
Deposit account interest	-	394	394	159
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>159</u>
Charitable activities				
Garden Society	-	-	-	569
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>569</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>74,364</b>	<b>49,430</b>	<b>123,794</b>	<b>420,234</b>

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St Peter's Church Ropley PCC

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Charitable activities				
Printing and stationery	-	-	-	518
Diocesan fees	29,623	-	29,623	965
Church running expenses	24,166	-	24,166	13,937
Cost of services	1,807	24	1,831	788
Church repairs & maintenance	4,620	2,655	7,275	-
Event costs	572	10,796	11,368	1,803
Miscellaneous expenses	12,014	53	12,067	9,662
Garden Society	-	-	-	2,598
Car park expenses	-	10,460	10,460	-
Trust refund	-	7,000	7,000	-
Church restorations	-	38,378	38,378	841,241
Mission giving & donations	1,707	-	1,707	847
	<u>74,509</u>	<u>69,366</u>	<u>143,875</u>	<u>872,359</u>
<b>Support costs</b>				
Governance costs				
Independent examination	2,310	-	2,310	2,148
	<u>76,819</u>	<u>69,366</u>	<u>146,185</u>	<u>874,507</u>
Total resources expended				
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(2,455)</u>	<u>(19,936)</u>	<u>(22,391)</u>	<u>(454,273)</u>

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