The Parish of St Peter's,

Maney

Agenda, Reports and Accounts

for The Meeting of Parishioners

and the Annual

Parochial Church Meeting

to be held in

St Peter's Church hall

on

Sunday ~~19th April~~ 13th September 2020

at

~~12 noon~~ 11·30am

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AGENDAS

Annual Meetings Sunday 19th April 2020

1. Opening Prayers.
2. Apologies for absence.

114th Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Minutes of 113th Annual Meeting of Parishioners
2. Motion to temporarily waive the 6-year rule
3. Election of Churchwardens

101st Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of 100th Annual Meeting on 7th April 2019
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll
4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement
5. Churchwardens' report
6. Written reports circulated in advance of the meeting with questions
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts
8. Election of 4 members of Parochial Church Council to serve for 3 years
9. Election of 2 members of Parochial Church Council to serve for 1 year
10. Election of Sides people
11. Vicar's remarks
12. Any Other Business

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2019

Minutes of the one hundred and thirteenth Annual Meeting of Parishioners of St Peter's Church, Maney, held in the church hall on Sunday 7th April 2019

Sheena Heaton, acting Chair of the PCC, took the Chair. With the agreement of the thirty-six people present, the meeting commenced at 11.55 a.m. Sheena welcomed everyone & began with a prayer. Apologies of four absentees were noted.

Minutes of the last annual meeting on 22nd April 2018 had been published in the Annual written report, and available for reading three weeks prior to the meeting. As there was no dissent, these were signed by Sheena as an accurate record of proceedings.

Sheena proposed a motion to waive the 6 year rule, for a year, so that one of the Churchwardens, who'd completed his term, might be nominated to continue in office during the parish vacancy. Seconded by Michelle Holland, the motion was carried nem com.

The appointment of Churchwardens then followed. Two nominations, Graham Gomm & Malcolm Harley, had been received. Both were proposed by Hazel Hallas and seconded by Paul Jenner. As there were no other names put forward, Graham & Malcolm were duly re-elected for the coming year. Sheena thanked them both for all the extra work they were having to do and their willingness to continue.

This concluded the meeting.

Minutes of the One Hundredth Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in the church hall on Sunday 7th April 2019 at 12 noon

Apologies: Ray and Joan Bradley, Sue Griffiths, Frances Heywood

Attendance: 40

1. **Minutes of 99th Annual Meeting**
   These were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
   None

3. **Presentation of the Electoral Roll**
   Elena Grant reported that the new Electoral Roll was undertaken between February 17th and March 17th 2019. Looking back over the last 6 year cycle *ie April 2013 - March 2019*, numbers had remained fairly stable each year with the peak of 179 in 2016-17. During those 6 years, 78 (37.5%) had been male and 130 (62.5%) female.

   A new ER form, incorporating GDPR privacy regulations, had been designed for this new cycle. Elena explained the process of informing people on the previous roll.
   At the completion of the preparation period, the total ER was 136, of which 40 (29.4%) are resident in the parish, 96 (70.4%) non resident. 10 people were new. 46 were not transferred from the previous roll. One form had been received since then, which Elena would add to the Roll after the meeting.
   Sheena spoke highly of Elena's quiet, efficient way of working, and thanked her for all she does.

   From the floor, Garth White expressed his dismay at the reduction in numbers & asked if the PCC could find out from individual people why they no longer wanted to be on St Peter's Electoral Roll.
   Sheila Richmond responded with one reason - that in the past, wedding couples were required to be on the ER but that has now been removed.
   Sheena also explained that a reduction in numbers is known to occur during a vacancy. She hoped that there would be an increase once a new vicar had been appointed. She added that everyone could help by encouraging others to attend church.

4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statement

Paul Jenner spoke about the report and accounts he'd prepared, which had been available for viewing in the Annual Report booklet well ahead of the meeting. He pointed to positive news during the year:

- the deficit had been halved from the amount budgeted.
- The boiler replacement hadn't impacted so much because money from Charles Morley's legacy had been put aside. He thanked members of the congregation for their understanding during a cold October, & felt that the work was completed as quickly as possible considering 'the hoops that'd had to be jumped through'. Gas usage had dropped considerably because of the new boiler, which was good news for the environment too.

In response to Garth White's requests for clarification on 5 areas of Expenditure, Paul explained:

i. Cost of services showed an increase of approx. £5000, income which was money set aside from the Alscott alms houses in Designated Funds. Prompted by Eric Swindells, Paul confirmed that most of this had been spent on repairing the organ.
ii. On page 22, Fire safety – the PCC had agreed that some of the reserve from Alscott is to be used on training and implementation of regulation requirements.
iii. £3830 on Youth Work equalled the half yearly salary and expenses paid to Youth worker Rob Jones, prior to his move away.
iv. The expenditure of £187 on Child Mission was so low thanks to Sonia Clucas & the generous donations in response to the Messy Church sessions.
v. Garth's disappointment that no charitable donation from the PCC had gone to CMS after so many years linked with them, was responded to by Sheena. She said that the PCC try to vary the organisations they support each year, choosing 2 worldwide charities, 2 national & 2 local. The PCC submit suggestions at the January meeting each year. Anyone is able to put forward a suggestion to a PCC member for it to be considered in future.

Proposed by Garth White, seconded by David Griffiths, **the Accounts were adopted by a show of hands.**

Sheena thanked Paul for all he does and for the money he saves St Peter's. Those present showed their appreciation with applause.

5. Churchwardens' Report

Christine White expressed the feeling of the meeting when she said how grateful people are for all that the churchwardens do.

6. To receive the written reports circulated with the accounts

Sheena referred briefly to each of the reports in the Annual Report booklet, asking for any comments as she went through.

Group Council - Sheila Richmond reminded the meeting that, after open consultation with the Archdeacon, the Group no longer took the form it had done originally, but an AGM would take place along with a joint service for the Group in May. No information, eg about Lent study day, was forthcoming from the other clergy in the Group but she hoped that decisions regarding the Group would take place once a new vicar is appointed.

Churches Together – Garth White added that a similar situation to that of the Group applies as the Committee was abandoned and the clergy have fallen short.

Parish Administrator – Sheena conveyed St Peter's thanks to Maxine Hill, who works hard and has been wonderful throughout this time.

Music – a thank you & accompanying applause was extended to Eric Swindells for all the music. Christine White mentioned that the Band at '0-99' services should also be thanked.

Among others to whom thanks were extended:

- Joan Bradley for Children's Society collections.
- Cedar Group, including Rosemary Coombes & Mo Dening for their support
- Social Committee for all they do & plan in the coming year
- Children's & Youth Ministry led by Sonia Clucas, who does so much & is loved by the children. Those assembled applauded her.
- Care Team - to Gill Wood & all who visit & keep in touch with those who are ill or need support.
- Diocesan Synod – Sheena spoke about a meeting on accessibility of the church & how the website needs to incorporate this. The PCC would be discussing this further.
    - Christian Aid – John Heywood pointed out that last week's collection was a one-off because of Cyclone Idai but that the collection in the neighbourhood in May would hopefully bring further generosity.
    - Uniformed organisations – yesterday's litter pick was well supported by the cubs & scouts & these good links should be continued.

Sheena remarked how much good work had continued without a vicar.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Paul Jenner reported that Hannah Tipper is willing to fulfil this role in the coming year. He, and St Peter's, are extremely grateful to her for all her help.

Proposed by Paul Jenner, seconded by David Griffiths, Hannah's reappointment was agreed by a show of hands.

8. Election of 4 members of Parochial Church Council to serve for 3 years

There were 4 nominations for 4 vacancies:

Eric Swindells – proposed by Sue Taylor, seconded by David Griffiths
Owen Cain - proposed by Michelle Holland, seconded by Eric Swindells
Tony Wells - proposed by Sheena Heaton, seconded by Sheila Richmond
Neville Benyon – proposed by Michelle Holland, seconded by Sue Taylor

As there were no other nominations, these were duly elected.

9. Election of 2 members of Parochial Church Council to serve for 2 years

No nominations.

Sheena commented that St Peter's is fortunate to have a strong & well attended PCC.

10. Election of Sides people

Malcolm Harley said that there have been replacements to cover losses of sides people. Working out the duty rota had been made easier as all are treated as individuals now, rather than some as couples as in previous years. This year there are 22 on the list, including 3 new members - Robert Murray, Kate Murray and Tony Wells.

Proposed by Hazel Hallas, seconded by Phil Fox, the list was accepted on block.

11. Any Other Business

Malcolm Harley wanted his appreciation to all the clergy, who have been willing to help St Peter's in the vacancy, on record. Sheena Heaton also expressed thanks to Sheila Richmond, Ann Willis and Andrew Ball.

Proposed by Christine White, seconded by Moyna Howkins, this was agreed.

Eco Maney

Sue Fenoughty referred to the written report, which had been given out at the meeting. Sheena pointed out that St Peter's was one of the first in the diocese to be awarded a silver Eco Church award, were instrumental in helping the diocese gain their Eco Diocese bronze award, and thanked John Heywood for his leadership on this.

Remarks from the Chair

Commenting on the vacancy, Sheena explained that, due to a misunderstanding with the Archdeacon over the procedural order, there was a delay in the process. The Archdeacon had commented on the Parish Profile, saying that the layout was clear but that it lacked vision for St Peter's. The PCC realised that they needed to work on this and each member put forward their thoughts. The outcome, an addition of 'Problems and Some Possible Solutions' to the Parish Profile included:

- a balance between the importance of traditions and familiarity but expressing that St Peter's is prepared to move forward, that it is not resistant to change,
- there's exceptional tolerance between members of all ages and an acknowledgement of an openness to God to move forward.

Sheena concluded that, with knowledge of all that people do already, more needs to be done at St Peter's - to continue to pray that the right vicar will come forward and for all the leaders at St Peter's.

- In response to Sue Fenoughty's question about the youth worker vacancy, Sheena felt that this will be sorted in the future, once a vicar is appointed.
- Garth White sympathised with those writing the Parish Profile. Noting the similarity nowadays with schools, churches also have to sell themselves as an attractive proposition. From parts of the profile that Sheena had read out, he felt that they had done that.

Christine White gave a vote of thanks to Sheena Heaton, Graham Gomm, Malcolm Harley, Paul Jenner and PCC members for all they've done.

The APCM concluded at 12.50 pm.

ELECTORAL ROLL

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – April 19th, 2020

- The revision of the Electoral Roll was undertaken between March 1st and March 29th 2020.
- Three names were removed from the Roll. All three removals resulted from deaths.
- Five names have been added to the Electoral Roll
- The end of year total was 138. Of this total, 45 are resident within the parish (32.6%) and 93 are non-resident (67.4%). Non-residents outnumber residents by 2 to 1.
- The proportion of residents has increased in comparison with non-residents.
- Comparison with previous the year:

Year	Total on Electoral Roll	Resident	Non-resident
2018 - 2019	136	40 (29.4%)	96 (70.6%)
2019 -2020	138	45 (32.6%)	93 (67.4%)

Due to a change in the Church Representation Rules in 2020, addresses are no longer included in inspection copies of the Electoral Roll. The new Electoral Roll forms contain a space for the optional addition of an email address.

Elena Grant

Electoral Roll Officer

ST PETER'S CHURCH, MANEY

SUTTON COLDFIELD

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENTS

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Charity Number: 1140021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs H Tipper (ACA – ICAEW)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2019

The Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure Account) on page 4 of the accounts shows a total surplus on Unrestricted Funds of £27,497 which includes legacies received of £20,500 (in memory of Audrey Buzzard and Hildegarde Nash) and an unrealised increase in investments value of £5,079. Income from donors, which includes the weekly envelope scheme, regular giving by standing orders and direct debits, general and special collections and the recovery of tax by Gift Aid, reduced this year by £8,649 to £67,736. Of this, Planned Giving reduced by £6,244 (or 11.15%) to £49,777. Hall lettings increased this year by 11% to £23,502. Taking out legacies and changes in investments left us with an operational surplus of £1,918 which was slightly above budget.

The new scheme of calculating the Diocese Common Fund was implemented this year and we paid £53,641 which includes a contribution to support poorer parishes. This was a drop of £16,715. With the decrease in expenditure, our charitable giving increased to £4,900. Because of continued controls on expenditure budgets, we managed to have a reduction in total Unrestricted expenditure of 13% from 2018 to £98,774. The Fund ended the year at £109,792 after transferring £10,000 to each of the Designated Emergency and Organ Repair Funds.

Designated funds at the end of the year were Quinquennial (£6,044), Church Emergency (£45,707), Hall Roof (£30,000), residue of Defibrilator (£239), Stone House, which funds our Youth work, (£246,800), Organ Repairs (£10,621) and Church Fabric (£2,142). We also have residue of accounts covering office computer and fire safety actions of £11,152. There was a large surplus in Designated accounts of £10,628 reflecting VAT reclaimed on the Quinquennial work and the fact we did not have a Youth Worker throughout the year. With the transfer of £20,000, the Fund stood at £352,705 at the end of the year.

The total of Restricted funds is now £1,989. Details of all funds can be seen in Note 11 on page 14. In the summer a special event was held (Midsummer Madness) which raised over £800 to fund a new microphone and an upgrade to the church sound system.

The PCC have continued to show prudence by allowing for future maintenance costs in the Designated Funds by way of "topping up" the Emergency and Organ Repair Funds. The Budget for 2020 has a further reduction in the Common Fund leading to another small surplus although regular giving continues on a downward trend. We will also have the outcome of the recent Quinquennial Report to plan for.

At the end of the year the accounts show total funds of £464,486. The Balance Sheet on page 5 and Note 8 (Investments) on page 13 show where those funds are held with £209,379 on deposit with the Central Board of Finance (CBF) and investments (£236,846) representing longer term funds which are all invested in funds of the CBF.

Paul Jenner
Hon Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Parochial Church Council of St. Peter's, Maney

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Peter's Maney PCC for the year ended 31st December 2019 which are set out on pages 4 to 15. This examination took place on the 9th March 2020.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

A signed copy of this statement is held in the accounts file

Name: Mrs H Tipper

Relevant professional qualification of membership of professional bodies:

ACA-ICAEW

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019 **Accounts Page 4 of 16**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2019	TOTAL FUNDS 2018
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME from:						
Donations	2,4	88432	3254	1346	93032	100710
Charitable Activities	2,4	24597	0	0	24597	23841
Other Trading Activities	2,4	5851	0	831	6682	6238
Investments	2,4	2312	8102	0	10414	9738
TOTAL INCOME		121192	11356	2177	134725	140527
EXPENDITURE on:						
Raising Funds	3,5	16167	0	0	16167	15646
Charitable Activities	3,5	82607	728	1379	84714	131811
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		98774	728	1379	100881	147457
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		22418	10628	798	33844	(6930)
GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	8	5079	17569	0	22648	241
NET INCOME		27497	28197	798	56492	(6689)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	12	(20000)	20000	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		7497	48197	798	56492	(6689)
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2019		102295	304508	1191	407994	414683
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DEC 2019	11	109792	352705	1989	464486	407994

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Church hall and equipment	7	1		1
Investments	8	236846		214198
			236847	214199
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors and payments in advance	9	2570		4192
Cash in Hand		81		50
Balance at bank		23591		7968
Short term deposits		209379		189251
		235621		201461
LIABILITIES: amounts falling due within one year	10	7982		7666
NET CURRENT ASSETS			227639	193795
NET ASSETS			464486	407994
REPRESENTED BY PARISH FUNDS	11			
Unrestricted			109792	102295
Designated			352705	304508
Restricted			1989	1191
			464486	407994

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th March 2020, where, further to a review of the draft financial statements, the trustees agreed that there were no concerns over the ability to continue as a going concern. A signed copy of this SOFA is held in the accounts file.

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Mrs S Heaton (Chairman)

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Mr G R Gomm (Warden)

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019 **Page 6 of 16**

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at fair valuation. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Funds over which the PCC control is limited by statute or the terms of a trust deed, or which are restricted in their use have been defined as "restricted funds". Funds which are controlled by the PCC and over which there are essentially no restrictions as to their use have been defined as "unrestricted funds". Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for purposes designated by PCC policy. Such designations may be set aside from time to time according to policy decisions.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Funds Policy

The PCC have decided that, for 2020 onwards, the Unrestricted Funds are intended for short-term investment for income (up to £75,000) and 3 months operating expenditure (£25,000), and the remainder, surplus from legacies received in 2016, to be subject to PCC decisions for the time being.

In 2016 the PCC decided that the following will be designated: a buildings fund to allow items from the Quinquennial Report to be implemented together with emergency requirements (£140,000); a church fabric fund for items within the church (£5,000); a hall roof fund for the imminent repair (£30,000) and other small items (£1,100). The accounts show where spending has already taken place within these funds.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the PCC is legally entitled to them as income or capital respectively, ultimate receipt is probable and the amount to be recognised can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.
Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the income to which they are related is received.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Grants received which are subject to pre conditions for entitlements or use specified by the donor which have not been met at the year end are included in creditors to be carried forward to the following year. Dividends and rents are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer.

All income is accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to pay out resources. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis under the following headings; all costs are allocated under a specific category:

Costs of raising funds
These are the costs associated with the PCC's fundraising activities such as parish magazine printing, summer fete and Christmas bazaar event costs and church hall running costs.

Charitable expenditure
Charitable expenditure is analysed between ministry and mission expenditure. Ministry expenditure includes the direct costs of running the church such as the diocesan parish share, church building and service costs. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted when due. Mission expenditure includes mission giving and donations, outreach in the community activities, messy church and associated staff costs.

Support costs consist of central management, administration and governance costs such as the independent examiner fees. These are costs which are directly attributable to a specific charitable activity.

Grants and donations payable are accounted for when authorized, when the award of the grant/donation has been specifically communicated to the recipient and when the PCC have agreed to pay the grant/donation without condition, or any condition attaching to the grant/donation is outside the control of the PCC. Grants/donations offered subject to certain conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure. Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC.

Expenditure is accounted for gross.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Land and buildings owned by the Church are depreciated on a straight line basis over 25 years.

Equipment used within the Church premises is written off when the asset is acquired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Financial Instruments

The PCC has elected to apply the provision of section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and section 12 "Other Financial Instruments" of FRS102 in full to all of its financial instruments.

Debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Debtors are subsequently measured at amortised cost being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

Creditors payable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2019	2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations:					
Planned Giving	49777	0	0	49777	56021
Collections	3995	0	0	3995	4780
Sundry Donations	610	0	1300	1910	18192
Legacies	20500	0	0	20500	5000
Gift Aid Recovered	13354	0	46	13400	14946
VAT Reclaimed	196	3254	0	3450	1171
Grants	0	0	0	0	600
Total Donations	88432	3254	1346	93032	100710
Charitable Activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	851	0	0	851	1747
Hall lettings	23502	0	0	23502	21815
Magazine Sales	244	0	0	244	279
Total Charitable Activities	24597	0	0	24597	23841
Other Trading Activities					
Magazine Adverts	277	0	0	277	241
Christmas Craft Fayre	2319	0	0	2319	2056
Other Fund Raising Activities	1550	0	831	2381	2331
Solar Panel Income	1505	0	0	1505	1508
Miscellaneous	200	0	0	200	102
Total Other Trading Activities	5851	0	831	6682	6238
Investments					
Dividends	937	7975	0	8912	8799
Interest	1375	127	0	1502	939
Total Investments	2312	8102	0	10414	9738
TOTAL	**121192**	**11356**	**2177**	**134725**	**140527**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2019	2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds					
Magazine Costs	183	0	0	183	191
Hall Costs	11228	0	0	11228	10705
Fundraising Costs	352	0	0	352	237
Support for Raising Funds	4404	0	0	4404	4513
Total Raising Funds	16167	0	0	16167	15646
Charitable Expenditure					
Resourcing Ministry					
Diocesan Parish Share	53641	0	0	53641	70356
Clergy Expenses	620	0	235	855	985
Cost of Services	3637	240	1041	4918	8680
Church Running Costs	11674	0	0	11674	10421
Church Repair & Maintenance	3093	460	0	3553	26930
Support for Resourcing Ministry	4772	0	0	4772	4869
Resourcing Mission					
Child Mission	211	0	0	211	187
Charitable Giving	4900	0	0	4900	4060
Special Appeals	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Work	0	0	0	0	3830
Miscellaneous	59	28	103	190	1493
Total Charitable Expenditure	82607	728	1379	84714	131811
TOTAL	**98774**	**728**	**1379**	**100881**	**147457**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

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4. INCOME for 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2018
	£	£	£	£
Donations:				
Planned Giving	56021	0	0	56021
Collections	4780	0	0	4780
Sundry Donations	663	17129	400	18192
Legacies	0	5000	0	5000
Gift Aid Recovered	14921	0	25	14946
VAT Reclaimed	335	836	0	1171
Grants	0	0	600	600
Total Donations	76720	22965	1025	100710
Charitable Activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	1747	0	0	1747
Hall lettings	21815	0	0	21815
Magazine Sales	279	0	0	279
Total Charitable Activities	23841	0	0	23841
Other Trading Activities				
Magazine Adverts	241	0	0	241
Christmas Craft Fayre	2056	0	0	2056
Other Fund Raising Activities	2331	0	0	2331
Solar Panel Income	1508	0	0	1508
Miscellaneous	102	0	0	102
Total Other Trading Activities	6238	0	0	6238
Investments				
Dividends	914	7885	0	8799
Interest	855	84	0	939
Total Investments	1769	7969	0	9738
TOTAL	**108568**	**30934**	**1025**	**140527**

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5. EXPENDITURE for 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2018
	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds				
Magazine Costs	191	0	0	191
Hall Costs	10705	0	0	10705
Fundraising Costs	237	0	0	237
Support for Raising Funds	4513	0	0	4513
Total Raising Funds	15646	0	0	15646
Charitable Expenditure				
Resourcing Ministry				
Diocesan Parish Share	70356	0	0	70356
Clergy Expenses	985	0	0	985
Cost of Services	3549	5015	116	8680
Church Running Costs	10421	0	0	10421
Church Repair & Maintenance	3348	22822	760	26930
Support for Resourcing Ministry	4869	0	0	4869
Resourcing Mission				
Child Mission	187	0	0	187
Charitable Giving	4060	0	0	4060
Special Appeals	0	0	0	0
Youth Work	0	3830	0	3830
Miscellaneous	300	949	244	1493
Total Charitable Expenditure	98075	32616	1120	131811
TOTAL	**113721**	**32616**	**1120**	**147457**

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6. STAFF COSTS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Wages and salaries	13450	16984

No member of the PCC received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses other than the Vicar as shown in Note 3. 2019 include Office Administrator and Caretaker. A Youth Worker was part year in 2018.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£	£
Cost of Church Hall Building	23902	23902
Less accumulated depreciation	23901	23901
	1	1
Net Book Value at 31st December 2019	1	
Net Book Value at 31st December 2018		1

8. INVESTMENTS

	£	£
Valuation as at 1st January 2019	214198	213957
Increase/(Decrease) in valuation	22648	241
Investments/(Disposals)	---	---
Valuation at 31st December 2019	236846	214198
Government stocks	---	---
1,681 shares in CBF investment fund	32233	27154
Stone House – 6,525 shares in CBF investment fund	125094	105382
Stone House – 58,392 shares in CBF property fund	79519	81662
	236846	214198

9. DEBTORS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	2419	2846
Solar Panel Feed-in-Tariff	151	175
VAT Reclaim	-----	1171
	2570	4192

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019	2018
	£	£
Gas Accrued	953	721
Electricity Accrued	364	272
Water Accrued	98	----
BDBF Sequestration Account	320	99
Copier Usage Charge	170	100
Advanced Receipts for Weddings	50	50
Committed Donations to Charities	4764	3917
Organ Tuning	332	323
Retained for Roof Repairs	----	1777
Hall Window Repair	----	190
Nativity Play Costs	----	60
Sundry Supplies	81	157
Repairs	850	----
	7982	7666

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance 1/1/2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Capital Movements	Balance 31/12/2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Memorial Book	34	40	8	0	0	66
Choir	517	173	103	0	0	587
Discretionary Poor Fund	315	0	0	0	0	315
Hall Sound System	300	0	0	0	0	300
Church Sound System	0	922	901	0	0	21
Baptism Candle Sticks	25	107	132	0	0	0
Ministry	0	700	0	0	0	700
	1191	1942	1144	0	0	1989
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Sale of Stone House	221129	8102	0	0	17569	246800
Quinquennial Fund	6044	355	355	0	0	6044
Church Emergency Fund	32848	2859	0	10000	0	45707
Hall Roof	30000	0	0	0	0	30000
Defibrilator	324	0	85	0	0	239
Church Fabric	2162	0	20	0	0	2142
Computer	41	0	28	0	0	13
Fire Safety	11139	0	0	0	0	11139
Organ Repair	821	40	240	10000	0	10621
	304508	11356	728	20000	17569	352705
General Fund	102295	121192	98774	(20000)	5079	109792
	407994	134490	100646	0	22648	464486

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The Discretionary Fund for the Poor is the result of anonymous donations for the Vicar to use at his/her discretion. The Stone House fund continues to support the Youth work in the parish; in 2019 there was no Youth Worker and the increase in fund value was due to 12 months of vacancy. The Quinquennial Fund remains to support the new review report due in 2020.

12. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
General to Emergency Repairs.	(10000)	10000	---	0
General to Organ Repairs.	(10000)	10000	---	0
Total Raising Funds	(20000)	20000	-	0

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2019	TOTAL 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	1	0	0	1	1
Investments	32233	204613	0	236846	214198
Debtors due within one year	2570	0	0	2570	4192
Short Term Deposits	58978	148092	2309	209379	189251
Cash	81	0	0	81	50
Bank	23591	0	0	23591	7968
Creditors due within one year	(7662)	0	(320)	(7982)	(7666)
	109792	352705	1989	464486	407994

14. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Raising Funds £	Resourcing Ministry £	TOTAL 2019 £	Raising Funds £	Resourcing Ministry £	TOTAL 2018 £
Parish Administrator	4183	2788	6971	4290	2860	7150
Printing & Stationery	154	1382	1536	164	1474	1638
Telephone & IT	67	602	669	59	535	594
Governance	---	---	---	---	---	---
	4404	4772	9176	4513	4869	9382

The administrator's time is split 60% managing hall lettings and 40% resourcing ministry; equipment and materials are split 10% raising funds and 90% on resourcing ministry.

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15. DONATIONS TO CHARITIES 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Charitable Giving from PCC			
Malawi	750		750
CMS	550		550
Woodland Trust	550		550
Breast Friends	550		550
Carpenters Arms	550		550
St Basils	550		550
Church Army	550		550
Mothers' Union AFIA	550		550
Mothers Union (from Sunday Coffee)	300		300
	4,900		4,900
Charitable Giving from Special Collections (including Gift Aid)			
		---	---
		---	---
Other Charities (not in accounts)			
Children's Society (Christingle)			51
Crisis at Christmas (Christmas Collections)			487
Christian Aid			3,000
Christian Aid (Cyclone Appeal)			664
Children's Society boxes			939
Church Urban Fund (Lent Lunches)			518
Church Army (Carol Singing)			345
Church Army (Advent Collection)			99
Parkinsons (Fellowship)			250
Midlands Freewheelers (Fellowship)			250
			6,603
TOTAL	4,900	---	11,503

PCC MEMBERSHIP AS AT MARCH 2020

		Retires
Graham Gomm (Churchwarden)	ex officio	
Malcolm Harley (Churchwarden)	ex officio	
Paul Jenner (Treasurer)		2020
Sonia Clucas		2020
Solomon Salawu		2020
Michelle Holland		2020
Phil Fox		2021
Hazel Hallas		2021
Vacancy		2021
Vacancy		2021
Peter Thorne		2021
Ann Willis		2021
Neville Benyon		2022
Owen Cain		2022
Eric Swindells		2022
Tony Wells		2022
Deanery Synod members		
Rosemary Coombes	ex officio	2020
Sheila Richmond	ex officio	2020
Suprabha Taylor	ex officio	2020
Diocesan Synod members		
Sheena Heaton	ex officio	2021
John Heywood	ex officio	2021

PARISH REPORTS

Churchwardens' Report on the Church Fabric, Ornaments, Hall and Grounds

The latest Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in the autumn and the report has just been received. We are pleased to report that there is very little showing up and it is mainly cosmetic, with a time scale within the next five years. It is suggested that we look at removal of some of the efflorescence showing around the church now that ingress of water has stopped. An electrical report is due this year as it is five years since the last. One problem currently, is the lighting on the tower steps. Although a temporary repair has been made a permanent fix is required.

In the autumn, damage was caused to the wall of the vestry steps when the Scout minibus was reversed into it. Various communications have taken place with the Scouts but, at the time of writing this report, repairs have not been done but are due in the next few days.

Currently, the church windows on the south side cannot be cleaned because of the fitted grilles. Unfortunately, the cost of hinging these grilles to allow access is prohibitive in relation to the benefits achieved.

There are plans to extend the car parking area on the entrance slope by about 1 metre towards the oak tree. Modern cars are much larger in size and there have been occasions when it has been impossible for vehicles to turn the corner by the choir vestry. Hopefully, this will allow freer passage around this tight corner.

The church sound system has been improved and another radio microphone purchased.

The Care Group are looking at improving signage through the church, hall and grounds and are reporting recommendations back to the PCC. This is particularly aimed at events such as weddings and funerals when people are not familiar with the layout.

In the church hall, the boiler failed and a new one has been installed. In addition, a new, simpler main hall heating control has been fitted. This seems to give better control over the temperature and will automatically switch off if inadvertently left on. A fire risk assessment has been done in the church hall and this has highlighted areas which need improvement. A programme of work is needed. A new floor buffer has been purchased. The kitchen cooker has been professionally cleaned and a rota established to allow for regular cupboard cleaning.

As the church hall is now in regular use by outside organisations it has been decided to set up a small Hall Management Team. 2-3 people will now oversee operations in the hall and act as contact if emergencies occur. Emergency numbers will be displayed in the hall.

Once again, we must thank the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their hard work and dedication, without which, all the above could not have been achieved.
A further group of volunteers (Church Working Party) meet on the second Tuesday of each month between 9.30 and 12 noon with the objective of maintaining the Church, hall and grounds in a safe and tidy condition at a minimum cost. We would like to say thank you to all who help in this way. This year, unfortunately, numbers have dwindled and most effort has been put into maintaining Tower Walk. On a couple of occasions this year, we have arranged Saturday morning outdoor working groups and as these have been generally well attended, it has given us an opportunity to have a good tidy up. We plan to continue these occasional meets at key times during the year. If anyone could spare an hour or two, not necessarily on a Tuesday morning, then please speak to us.

The contents of the Church are in sound condition and are as listed in the inventory. We have to thank the stalwart small group of volunteers who polish the brasses and silver and keep our church looking clean and tidy throughout the year. Again, if anyone can spare an hour on a Friday morning, please let us know.

Graham Gomm & Malcolm Harley
Churchwardens

Report from the Parochial Church Council

The Church Council met 6 times during the year 2019-2020. An additional meeting at which the Standing Committee was delegated to take action on behalf of the PCC, took place on Sunday 23 February 2020 to deal with urgent safeguarding decisions required by the Diocese. Attendance at all meetings has been very good and I would like to thank all PCC members for their loyal support throughout the Interregnum.

Interviews to find a new Vicar took place firstly in June 2020. The St Peter's representatives on the interview panel were the Churchwardens and Sheena Heaton. Members of the PCC were invited to meet the 3 candidates and their spouses and ask questions at an evening event and a presentation the following morning. This selection process did not result in an appointment being made and the post was re-advertised in the autumn of 2019. The second selection process resulted in the appointment of our new Vicar, Becky Stephens.

There are currently 19 members of the PCC and 4 sub-committees plus the social committee. We have also moved to set up a Hall Management Group to deal with unexpected problems which may arise from time to time. A new Conflict of Interest Policy was developed by Paul Jenner and adopted by the Council.

Sadly during the year we lost one PCC member, Dickon Taylor, due to pressure of work and we also lost the services of Maxine Hill as PCC Secretary (fortunately she continues to carry out her role as Parish Administrator with her usual efficiency).

All sub-committees have met regularly and provided reports to the Council. Paul Jenner continues to keep our finances in good order and provides excellent and informative reports. Our charitable

donations for 2020 will go to Malawi, Church Missionary Society, St Basil's, AFIA, Carpenters' Arms, Sutton Coldfield Breast Friends, and the Woodland Trust.

Sheena Heaton, Vice Chair

Group Council
No report

Churches Together in Central Sutton Coldfield
No report

Parish Office Administrator
The church hall continues to be very busy, almost at full capacity during term time and the upper room now only being free on afternoons. Weekend parties are still very popular and Ian our caretaker is extremely flexible with his working hours to accommodate the parties and to fit in his cleaning duties around the hall bookings.

The timetable for hall bookings is displayed on the notice board in the link block for anyone who needs to gain access to the hall without disturbing a class.

Ian has recently taken delivery of a new floor buffer so we are hoping we can improve the appearance of the hall floor.

At the time of writing this, all groups had temporarily suspended their classes due to the Corona Virus. However, they do all intent to resume as normal when the situation allows.

Maxine Hill
Parish Administrator

Mission, Life & Worship Committee
The committee met five times during the year to discuss various topics and make recommendations to the PCC. Plans were necessarily limited during the interregnum, but the intention was to keep church life flowing as normally as possible; so seasonal celebrations, including services and social events, were scheduled as far as possible.

- Early in the year a plan of services was drafted according to our usual pattern; a decision was taken to revert to handwashing rather than footwashing on Maundy Thursday, making it possible for everyone to take part. Another change was that the confirmation service would be a Deanery occasion later in the year.

- In April, Lent and Holy Week services were reviewed, with gratitude for Andrew Ball's willingness to preside on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, and David Lee's meditation on Good Friday. We also discussed the need for more variety in the Parish Magazine, and how we could move forward as a congregation in what was proving to be a very long interregnum. This prompted ideas about house groups and discovering parish needs.

- In the autumn we began some provisional planning for 2020, and discussion about ways in which our recently confirmed teenagers could take an active part in the main Sunday service.

Sheila Richmond

Music Report

The choir has continued to give loyal service during the year. We are lucky to have a band of such enthusiastic choristers committed to keeping high standards in a range of musical styles ranging from classical to modern day. A selection of anthems during or after Communion administration has been sung. This will continue dependant on resources available on the day.

Several choristers, some with distinction, took parts in the Passion and Nativity dramas and found the experience enjoyable and uplifting. This was a further way of helping to enhance our worship.

The choir joined with Emmanuel church choir to sing the Advent Procession on Advent Sunday and performed an excellent Nine Lessons and Carols service at Christmas with valued support from three visiting singers. Grateful thanks are due to Richard Mason, Director of Music at Emmanuel church, for his valuable support and direction on these occasions. Richard has continued to help us with visiting organists, generally on two Sundays each month. We have appreciated the excellent skills of James Burke. Logan Pritchard, who is a student at the Birmingham Conservatoire, has played several times in the year. Logan is keen to learn and although his main instrument is Bass Trombone the organ lessons he is having with David Saint at St. Chad's Cathedral are bearing fruit.

If we had a few more choristers in all divisions; soprano, contralto, tenor, and bass; we could achieve so much more to enhance the worship at St. Peter's. In the meantime we will endeavour to maintain present standards.

Our band of enthusiastic instrumentalists, so capably led by Owen Cain, have given us wonderful accompaniment at 0-99 services during the year. It is so refreshing to hear a great blend of Guitar, Saxophone, Violin, Flute, Trumpet, Ukelele and Piano backed by the occasional passage of percussion (especially from the younger children). My grateful thanks are due to Owen for arranging the music for the instruments and the players themselves for their unwavering support.

Eric Swindells
Acting Director of Music

Church Army Report

The Church Army is most grateful to the family of St Peter's church for their prayers and support towards the Church Army's work. They work with the homeless, those who self-harm, vulnerable young people, the elderly and school children. They take the message of Jesus Christ through their mission to over ten thousand people in all parts of the country each month.

On 20th December several members of the choir, the congregation and friends sung carols in Tesco, New Oscott, to raise money for the Church Army's work. Staff and shoppers enjoyed the singing and the sum raised totalled £345.

This year the Sunday Club and the young people of the church made a Christmas card for members of the parish to send wishes to one another alongside a donation box. This raised £99.11 which was given to the Church Army.

The PCC also kindly greed to allocate a portion of their annual charitable funding to the Church Army which totalled £550 and for which they were incredibly grateful, particularly as they are ploughing resources into trying to grow the number of centres of mission they have throughout the country.

St Peter's was lucky enough to have Rev Steve Hollinghurst visit to take part in a Sunday service and preach. In his capacity as a tutor for the Church Army he is an inspiring ambassador for the organisation and for church community outreach in general.

The Church Army extends its heartfelt thanks to the family of St. Peter's for their continued support and commitment.

Sue Taylor

Church Mission Society

We have continued to receive news of Dr Nicci Maxwell at Potter's Village in Uganda and hope that she may soon be our "official" partner.

It is good to hear that, after some time as the only doctor at the children's medical centre and special care baby unit (and so "on call" all day and every day),

two new clinical officers started at the end of 2019, taking a huge weight off her shoulders. Please continue to pray for Nicci and the work at the centre.

Garth White

Children's Society

Another good year for the donations to the society. The April total was £466.29 and October £472.55. Not quite as much as the previous year, but we have lost some of our donors due to moving house, ill health and unfortunately passing away. However, we have a few new box holders. If anyone would like to have a box to donate their spare change please let me know.

Joan Bradley

Cedar Group

The Cedar Group (instigated by Margaret and Colin Smith and others) continues to meet on the first and third Tuesdays 2-4pm in the Hall.

It is an informal gathering for anyone who likes a chat, cup of tea, cake or biscuits and company. There is often a light hearted quiz which is enjoyed by members.

During the last year, we have welcomed some new faces to the group which has led to a small increase in the numbers of those attending. Our charge of 50p covers refreshments and funds have allowed the group to make several donations to church appeals over the years.

All are very welcome.
Movita Dening & Rosemary Coombes

Church Fellowship

We have had another good year although we would like attendance numbers to be higher. We have had several interesting speakers. An outing to Baddesley Clinton with Mothers' Union, a coffee morning and a lunchtime and evening meal at Park House also with Mothers' Union.

Sylvia Cotgreave resigned as Leader and was presented with a plant and Sheila Richmond was elected to take her place. Joan Bradley was re-elected as Treasurer and Ruth Dineley as Secretary. Molly Cooper also volunteered to join the committee and this appointment was welcomed.

We were able to donate £250 to Blood Bikes and £250 to Parkinsons and have received letters of thanks from both of these charities. We also donated £100 to St Peter's Church.

As always many thanks go to all who have contributed their time and energy especially to Frances and John Heywood for hosting the coffee morning once again.
Our projects for 2020/2021 are Macular Degeneration and The Leprosy Mission.
Ruth Dineley - Secretary of the Church Fellowship

Social Committee

Committee members: Janet Harley, Ruth Dineley, Sonia Clucas, Frances Heywood, Sue Griffiths, Fiona Baker and Simon Baker.
In 2019 we were happy to welcome Fiona and Simon onto the committee. As usual it was a very busy year and we would like to thank all those who helped at any of the events. The members of St Peter's are always so generous with their time and friendship. Special thanks to Christine White who stood down from the committee at the end of the year. She will be missed!

We had a very happy time in March at our Fun for All party. Lots of games, fun, food and fellowship! Who can forget the Midsummer Madness? The committee organised the refreshments during the interval. Frances did sterling work in organising the whole event.

Then there was the Bring and Share Lunch for our Patronal Festival in June and yet another lunch for Harvest. It is so good to join together for special occasions and have a chance to get to know each other better.

Some of the committee were involved with others in organising and serving the buffet in June and refreshments in November when we had the interviews for a new vicar. A special thanks to Janet Harley who organised this.
As usual we served mulled wine and mince pies after the carol Service in December.
Many of the committee are involved in many other ways in church life so I thank them all for being part of this important ministry. As we meet together socially, we will hopefully draw closer as a church. These events are also good opportunities to invite new friends.

Sonia Clucas

Children & Youth Ministry

In 2019 we enjoyed the company of some delightful children and young people. There have been some changes in the age range in Sunday Club. Our young people are starting to find their place in the congregation and to take on tasks on a Sunday morning. So in Sunday Club we are starting to see much younger children. Challenges change!

It is great to see our young people moving on in their faith journey. Shini and Gabby were confirmed in 2019. They among others are involved in church life in many ways.

We were able to hold 3 Messy Church sessions in 2019. Our themes were: the pearl of great price, the Good Samaritan and Harvest. These were all very happy times enjoyed by all.

The Christmas Eve Nativity and the Midsummer Madness were great opportunities for people of all ages to work together. Well done Frances for organising these events.

I would like to thank the regular Sunday Club helpers Mo, Barbara and Di as well as those who have stepped in for one or two weeks. Also big thanks to all those who helped in Messy Church with activities, worship, music and of course food. We couldn't do it without you!

I hope we will be seeing a few more helpers joining us in Sunday Club during the year ahead – more helpers means less often.

A big hope for 2020 is that we will be able to start youth work and appoint a youth worker. Our young people are worth it!

Sonia Clucas

Safeguarding

Coordinator's Report - The role of coordinator involves keeping up to date with Diocesan Policy and passing on appropriate information to members of the congregation whose volunteering requires a Disclosure and Barring Check. This includes members of the Care Team, the Children's team, members of the PCC, Church Officers and others. A monthly bulletin is sent by the Diocesan Safeguarding Support Team and anyone of the 4 members is available to offer individual advice if needed. Currently our emphasis is on updating our safeguarding training, which is required every 3

years. This can be done individually online or by attending a group session arranged by the Support Team. At present we are awaiting a date for several of our members who prefer the group session.

Adult's Report - Members of the Care Team have successfully completed online Safeguarding Training during the past year. Further training is in the process of being arranged by the new Safeguarding Lead in the Diocese so everyone will then be up to date for the next 3 years. All members of the Care Team are still within the 5 years of the latest DBS check.

Barbara Chappell
Parish Safeguarding Coordinator

Care Team

The Care Team aims to show the love of God by welcoming, visiting and providing assistance to members of the congregation and others who live in the parish. Currently, the Team consists of the following people: Gill Wood, Elena Grant, Rosemary Coombes, Sheila Richmond, Christine White, Mo Dening, Jean Walford, Anne Ball, David Griffiths, Ann Willis.

Two meetings were held during the last year where members reviewed progress and discussed new ideas and approaches. As a result, two signposts indicating the way to the hall toilets have been situated in church which are proving useful for newcomers and others unfamiliar with the building. Two more Defibrillator Training courses for the community have been held in the Hall and replacement items for the cabinet have been purchased. Some members attended a workshop for The Recovery Foundation which is a new resource for helping the mentally unwell.

Last year, members of the Team made approximately 400 contacts with people in a variety of ways: by visiting them in their own homes, making informal contact in church at services or during other activities, telephoning, sending cards and visiting in hospital or Care Homes The help of other members of the congregation who regularly carry out visits is gratefully acknowledged. Rev Andrew Ball and Ann Willis have taken home communion to those who request it.

On the fourth Thursday of every month, during the 10.30am Communion service, two members of the Healing Ministry assist in the Laying on of Hands.

The Care Team continues to update a Resource Pack including national and local organisations available to support Carers and individuals.

We would appreciate receiving information regarding members of the congregation who are unwell or need assistance so that visits can be arranged, if desired. We would like to thank all members of the Team for their valuable contributions.

Gill Wood
Rosemary Coombes
Elena Grant
Anne Ball

Diocesan Synod

The important action at diocesan synod this year for St Peter's, was when Sheena Heaton proposed a motion asking the diocese to declare a climate emergency and to begin to devise a plan to allow all the churches to move towards being carbon neutral. The motion which had originated from our PCC was passed unanimously.

Sheena Heaton & John Heywood, Synod Reps

Eco Maney

Eco Maney has continued to be active with the congregation and across the diocese. We contributed material for the season of creationtide and the Lent Study Day with Holy Trinity & St Chad's. The Ash Wednesday sermon paid tribute to our leadership in Eco Church.
It was our PCC motion that went via deanery synod to the diocesan synod and became the declaration of a climate emergency, which will be turned into a plan for all churches to find ways of 'reducing their carbon footprint', as they say.

We have also played our part in encouraging other Anglican churches to join Eco Church; and we are also working with other denominations in Sutton.

Our third annual litter pick (jointly with the scouts & cubs) will have taken place before the AGM.

Anne Ball, Sue Fenoughty, Sheena Heaton, John Heywood, Jim Mc Avan

Carpenter's Arms

The Trustees wish to express their gratitude for the continued encouragement and financial support that St Peter's Church provides towards the work of the Centre.
The Centre has maintained its level of activities in the areas in which it has specialised for the past five years. The fundamental task of the Carpenter's Arms Community Centre is to fulfil its mission to the groups it nurtures and to the people who have come to rely upon the resources it provides. The past year has brought its rewards and challenges. Rewarding are the responses of the women, men and children who look forward each week to enjoying the companionship and fellowship that the groups provide.

We have been fortunate from the income of the many groups who rent our premises. Users benefit from a managed facility that offers the services that they have come to depend upon. These benefits would not be possible without the dedicated work of our manager and her band of volunteers. The Centre has been challenged in the way in which it has had to respond to the financial demands upon reserves caused by the ever-increasing burden of safety and security measures vital for a Community Centre. The building has benefitted from major refurbishments. This includes a new central heating boiler in the annex, redecorations to the main hall, kitchen and entrance hall. The lower section of the walls in these areas has been protected by cladding to reduce damage to the fabric.

On a practical level, the way in which the members of groups support one another is a joy to see. Children meet with the manager and her helpers to continue the work of our mother and toddler

group. The Friday group has been with us for many years and continues to enjoy competitive activities under the watchful eyes of our volunteers without whom we would be unable to offer such facilities.

Managing the Carpenter's Arms Community Centre will also continue to play its part in fulfilling those earlier aspirations of supporting the notion of voluntary organisations and the Big Society.

Neville Benyon

Mother's Union

Committee for St Peter's Church Branch:

Branch Leader: Sonia Clucas Secretary: Ann Willis

Treasurer: Janet Harley Committee member: Barbara Chappell

Our theme for 2019 was "MU listening, observing and acting" (MULOA). This was introduced by Jackie Brocklebank (our Diocesan President) and Sally Cox from St James Church.

We listened to:

- Robert Parker telling us about his amazing trip to the Galapagos Islands
- Anne Willis telling us about her day out to see the Well Dressings in Tissington.

We observed:

- We had a very interesting discussion about the needs and resources in our community.
- In a joint meeting with the Church Fellowship Ann Willis led us in considering pictures of Jesus. This led to lots of discussion.
- We thought about St Peter and explored our church building using a photo trail.

We acted:

- We held a tea party to raise money for the MU Summer Appeal, with entertainment from a Barbershop group as well as some lovely cakes.
- We made posies for the Mothering Sunday service.
- Members attended 11 baptisms and gave a card and teddy. We sent anniversary cards to children baptised in 2018.
- We met for the Wave of Prayer in January at Eric's home and shared lunch.
- In November Ann led us in using the Jesus Prayer as a way into prayer.
- Members signed Christmas cards for prisoners. Members and friends provided presents for prisoners' children.

And of course we enjoyed each other's company:

We celebrated birthdays, and joined Church Fellowship and friends for meals and a trip. We mourned the sad loss of Donald Edmond who we will all miss greatly.

Some members met with members from St James Church for afternoon tea at Chase Farm; attended the quiet day at Polesworth Abbey; visited the Craft Fair at St James church and attended the Festival Service where our new Diocesan President (Deirdre Moll) was commissioned.

All in all a very enjoyable year! So why not join us? 2.30pm mainly on 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Sonia Clucas

Sutton Coldfield Deanery Synod

The amalgamation of the Aston and Sutton Coldfield Deaneries has taken place this year (the first amalgamation in the Diocese). Our new full time Area Dean is Rev. Ann Richardson.

There have been two meetings this year. At the October meeting, Rev. Guy Donegan Cross, the new Director for Learning, Discipleship and Mission spoke about the life experience which has led to him taking up this role.

The January meeting took us to St Mark's Church, Stockland Green where Rev Ann led a sharing of views about the way Deanery Synod might develop.

There were a large number of presentations from Diocesan personnel highlighting the considerable resources now available to parishes from the People and Places Framework (Mission Support, Strengthening Relationships with Schools, Parish Finance Services, Parish Building Surveyors, for example). We were urged to make use of them!

At both meetings, John Heywood and Sheena Heaton updated Synod on the motion (now amended) for all parts of the Deanery and Diocese to achieve net carbon emissions by 2030.

Sue Taylor, Sheila Richmond, Ann Willis. & Rosemary Coombes

Christian Aid report to St Peter's for year 2019

Well, the miracle happened again: despite the usual anxieties and a small confusion with another church about who was doing what roads, 25 St Peter's people went out to collect in Christian Aid Week and raised just a little more than we have ever done before: £3,011: an average of £120 per collector.

This is absolutely fantastic, and needed out there like never before, as the combined effects of war and climate change leave millions of people in desperate hardship. Very sadly, the national total collected in Christian Aid week went down by 10% in 2019 (from £9.6 to £8.6 million) so we are all the more glad that that didn't happen here.

And we want, as always, first to thank the people in the Parish (and the people in the congregation!) who gave so generously; and then to rejoice at those who collect. I am absolutely confident that Jesus is with us as we go. And sometimes there's a surprise, like the person who gave Rosemary a bag of money so heavy she could hardly carry it, which turned out to amount to about £100.

Also not to be forgotten are those who so faithfully turn up to help count the money according to Christian Aid's very exact rules, including Steve Lyne and Roger Low who are not in our congregation but who have been helping us with plays and other things for several years now. Thank you to ALL the counters and especially to Paul Jenner for overseeing it all.

Some long-serving collectors are being forced by their failing mobility to stop this year (2020), and quite right too. (Do you remember Bishop Alinafe from Malawi was astonished at how old our team was when Matthew asked them to stand up?) We want to thank those wonderful faithful collectors, and we have faith and hope that others will come forward.

Why do we collect? How does Christian Aid use the money?
Rowan Williams, who is Christian Aid's chair, wrote in their 2019 annual report of the deep, dark, structural issues behind poverty across the world:

"We are working to build a genuinely global movement for justice – a movement that will help us confront and transform all the obstacles that still hold people back from living life in all its fullness. Our work in naming and challenging the injustices of this system is as urgent as ever."

And in the same report, Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, Christian Aid's CEO wrote:

"While policy makers and politicians debate the issues of climate change, a woman in South Omo, Ethiopia, spoke of its impact, and of their lived realities – climate change has left their land barren, causing crops to fail and livestock to die. Their sources of income have been further limited; it is now harder for them to access healthcare or send their children to school. Their poverty is not an accident… Our economic system and the way we manage our natural environment allow those with more power to exploit those with less."

In what they both write about climate change and the need to disinvest from fossil fuels and promote alternatives, there is a direct link to the changes going on in the Church of England right now, changes St Peter's has been part of achieving.

Christian Aid's emphasis is always to work to help the poorest people into self-sufficiency with education, training and loans. But sometimes the crises are so severe that direct aid is what is needed. It has, in this context, given life-saving humanitarian relief to internally displaced people in Iraq and besieged communities in Syria. It manages two camps for more than 81,000 Rohingya who have fled to Bangladesh to escape persecution. And in the Philippines, Myanmar and Kenya, it is piloting micro-grants and training that empower survivors to take charge of their own response, more quickly and cost-effectively.

So that's it:

- giving immediate help to those in desperate, urgent need;
- working to help people improve their own well-being and

- campaigning with others about the structural causes of poverty and climate change. That's what we try to support.

Thank you all very much indeed.

Frances & John Heywood

FYI Christian Aid Week 2020 runs from Sunday May 10th to Saturday May 16th. Please put it into your diary!

7th Sutton Coldfield Scout Group Report 2019/20

The 7th Sutton Coldfield Scout Group has continued to thrive throughout the year, and we have run a full and active programme in all three sections: Beavers (6 to 8), Cubs (8 to 10½) and Scouts (10½ to 14½).

We currently have 65 young people on our books including boys and girls from a mixture of faiths and backgrounds. It would be nice to expand our numbers, but this would require additional leaders across all sections – this is challenge that is typical of Scouting across the country.

Beavers and Cubs meet in the Church Hall every Tuesday and their respective Programmes introduce them to challenge, adventure and teamwork. We have awarded several awards and badges during the year including several Chief Scout Bronze and Silver Awards, the highest possible in these sections.

Scouts meet on one Monday evening every month and hold a full day (or weekend) of activity on one Saturday every month. This enables us to deliver a very active programme – with over 80% of our activities taking place in the great outdoors. It is very pleasing to see that some of our ex-Scouts have come back to help at Beavers and Cubs as Young Leaders.

We have one of the most experienced leadership teams in Sutton Coldfield with many of our leaders having a long association with the Group. I continue to enjoy the roll of Group Scout Leader with Andy Worship and Julie Ellis leading Scouts and Beavers. We are very well supported by an excellent leadership team, many of whom are well known by members of St Peter's; Lorna Scully, Dave Archer, Eileen Lyndon, Josh Holmes and Matt Brain.

Our leaders are also supporting the growth of Scouting elsewhere in Sutton Coldfield. In particular Dave Archer is providing Executive Committee support at the 12th Sutton Coldfield who draw their members from the Sutton Coldfield Muslim Association, and I have recently become involved in a project to reintroduce a Scout Group to Falcon Lodge.

All sections of the Group have participated in District and County activities during the year and our young people have continued to demonstrate behaviours, attitudes and competencies of which the

whole church community should be proud. We have won trophies for Rafting, Chess and Air Rifle Shooting.

I was honoured to receive the Bar to my Medal of Merit. This national award is made for "keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period, of at least 17 years duration".

Finally, I would like to thank all my Leaders, the Parents of our Members, everyone at St Peter's and, most of all, our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for the continued support throughout the year.

Mark Ellis
Group Scout Leader

44th Sutton Coldfield Rainbows & 15th Sutton Coldfield Brownies

Over the past year at Rainbows we have worked on several different badges together from the new programme. We have completed the First Aid badge, where the girls explored the different items in a first aid kit, learnt how to use a plaster and about the importance of hygiene. We also completed the 'Be Well' badge, the 'Explore' badge and the 'Live Smart' badge where the Rainbows have started to develop lots of key life skills.

In the summer term some of the Rainbows took part in the 'Midsummer Madness' show at St Peter's and it was lovely to see many different groups coming together to take part. In December we went on a trip to Sutton Arts theatre to see the Wizard of Oz. We had a great afternoon watching the pantomime and eating our ice creams!

We meet each Wednesday at 4pm and we currently have 15 members and a waiting list! We are very lucky to have another adult helper and some young volunteers who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award. Their help is really appreciated and the girls love working with them. Lots of the girls have moved up to our Brownie unit this year and are now enjoying the next stage of their guiding journey.

Sophie Collins
Rainbows and Brownies Leader