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 7th April 2019

at

12 noon

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AGENDAS

Annual Meetings Sunday 7th April 2019

12.00 Opening Prayers.

Apologies for absence.

113th Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Minutes of 112th Annual Meeting
2. Motion to temporarily waive the 6-year rule
3. Appointment of Churchwardens

100th Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of 99th Annual Meeting
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll
4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement
5. Churchwardens' report
6. To receive the written reports circulated with the accounts
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 2 years
10. Election of Sides people
11. Any Other Business

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2018

Minutes of the one hundred and twelfth Annual Meeting of Parishioners of St Peter's Church, Maney, held in the church hall on Sunday 22nd April 2018, commencing at 11.50 a.m.

The Vicar, the Revd Canon Dr Matthew Rhodes, took the Chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

50 people were in attendance. Apologies for absence were noted. The Minutes of the last annual meeting held on 23rd April 2017 had been available for viewing three weeks prior to the meeting. These were agreed to be a correct record.

The appointment of Churchwardens followed. There were two nominations, Graham Gomm & Malcolm Harley, both proposed by Hazel Hallas and seconded by Paul Jenner. The Vicar thanked Graham & Malcolm for their willingness to stand again. Both were duly elected for another year.

This concluded the meeting.

Minutes of the Ninety Ninth Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in the church hall on Sunday 22nd April 2017 at 11.55 a.m.

Apologies: Rosemary Coombes, Sylvia Cotgreave, Phil Fox, Sheena Heaton, Ruth Dineley, Peter Thorn, Sheila Webb, Tony Webb, Christine White, Garth White
Attendance: 50

1. Minutes of 98th Annual Meeting

With an amendment to the amount in legacies in **4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statement,** which should read '3 legacies; Wyn Williams, Keith Dunne, Charles Morley, £212,000', **the Minutes were accepted**.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

Elena Grant explained that the report was printed shortly before the end of the revision period, which finished on April 1st 2018. During the year, there were 5 deaths & 3 people had moved away. Following the more recent death of Hildegard Nash, the total was now 178, of whom 45 are resident in the parish, 133 non-resident. This had been displayed ahead of the meeting. 2019 will see a complete ER revision.

The Vicar thanked Elena for her thoroughness & efficiency.

4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statement

Paul Jenner referred to the accounts he'd prepared, which had been available for viewing in the Annual Report booklet well ahead of the meeting. He pointed out that during the year:

- General Fund had a deficit of £9,000, due mainly to a reduction in giving.
- Designated Fund is made up of mostly legacies from the previous year.
- Quinquenniel Fund was to cover work required following the Quinquenniel Report. Nearly £78,000 was set aside for repairs, scaffolding, & also allowed for an upgrade of the alarm system.
- Stone House Fund ie money raised from selling the Stone House had increased by £17,000. This was set aside for youth work, which Rob Jones is heading.

Reduction in giving led to the Stewardship campaign which had helped, with 89 giving regularly by white envelope, Standing Order or Parish Giving, 79 of whom Gift Aided.

Weekly envelope system: Paul extended a big thank you to John Wall for his work up to the end of 2017 & to Ruth Dineley. The Wardens agreed to take over this work & thanks were extended to Hazel Hallas for taking this on at the beginning of 2018.

Paul thanked all those who give to the Church financially and also with their time & talents.

No questions were raised on the accounts.

Matthew extended a huge thank you to Paul, which led to spontaneous applause from those assembled.

Proposed by Eric Swindells, seconded by Jeanne Jones, **the Accounts were adopted by a show of hands.**

5. To receive the written reports circulated with the accounts

Matthew went briefly through the reports, which had been printed in the Annual Report booklet, thanking all those responsible for their efforts, including

- Maddie Newell, who had left after being Parish Administrator for 5 years, & who is succeeded by Maxine Hill. There was a card to Maddie for people to sign.
- his wife, Cathy & Eric Swindells for all they do regarding music
- Gill Wood, Rosemary Coombes, Elena Grant & the Care Team for their pastoral support, as it had been 'quite a year'.
- Frances & John Heywood for their work with Christian Aid, encouraging people to sign up for house-to-house collections – the list located at the back of church.
- Matthew explained that CMS partner, Kate Quarrell, was not continuing & requested that anyone with ideas re future support should speak to him or others.
- He pointed out that it was good to see Rainbows doing well, back at St Peter's.
- He was pleased that Cedar Group was continuing, as Margaret & Colin Smith would have wanted.
- When certain names appeared after more than one report, Matthew suggested that it would be good if the work were shared by others more in future.

There were no questions at the end of the reports.

Frances Heywood suggested that it would be good to read of baptisms, weddings, funerals, which had taken place throughout the year & wondered if they might be included in the annual report in future.

Matthew responded that that would be possible without much trouble.

Proposed by David Griffiths, seconded by Jeanne Jones, **the reports were accepted.**

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

Dickon Taylor, proposed by Sonia Clucas & seconded by Eric Swindells

Peter Thorn, proposed by Christine White, seconded by Di Littler

These were elected by a show of hands.

7. Election of 1 member of Parochial Church Council to serve for 2 years

Michelle Holland, proposed by David Griffiths, seconded by Ray Bradley, was elected by a show of hands.

8. **Election of 1 member as representative of Deanery Synod for 2 years** ie 2017-20 triennium

Ann Willis, proposed by Anne Ball, seconded by Rosemary Coombes, was elected by a show of hands.

9. Election of Sides people

Malcolm Harley proposed that the 26 names currently on the list (which were not read out) be accepted for the year ahead. Seconded by Graham Gomm, **the list was accepted.**

10. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts

Paul Jenner explained that Mrs Hannah Tipper had been fulfilling this role for the last 2 years. St Peter's are most grateful to her for this work & for her willingness to be reappointed for the current year.

Proposed by Paul Jenner, seconded by Graham Gomm, **her reappointment was agreed** by a show of hands.

11. Report on the Church fabric, Ornaments, Hall and Grounds

Graham Gomm's written report had been accepted along with the other reports.

Gratitude was expressed to the Wardens & all who help in the care & upkeep of the church, hall & grounds as a lot of maintenance is needed.

12. Vicars' remarks

Matthew remarked on the many who make St Peter's an active & vibrant place.

He explained that when he became the incumbent in 2011, he'd realised that St Peter's couldn't continue doing all that it did. People were getting older & yet younger people, still working & have families, have less time to give to church work.

St Peter's needed to focus on some key activities & try to work more efficiently eg the magazine is now bi-monthly (instead of monthly) & produced by the Parish administrator.

Referring to the 'time & talents' lists on tables where people were seated, he asked everyone to think prayerfully about what they could do or who they could encourage to take on a new role.

- One key area, Children's Ministry needs more volunteers so that leaders don't 'burn-out', that they have time for spiritual nourishment within church too. This is the Church's future & is need of help & prayer.

The provision of ministry in the Diocese of Birmingham is changing, in a process called 'People & Places'. The Diocese is having to lose about a quarter of its paid clergy posts due to lack of money. To make it as fair as possible, in future there will be one priest to approx. 17,000 parishioners, with 1 to 50,000 in mainly Muslim areas.

- St Peter's parish has less than 6,000 people so it may only have half a full time priest in the future.
- Other people will need to share in ministry. In practice, it may help to release the gifts of the whole church, not just those called to ordination.
- Not only should people be thinking prayerfully about their own vocations in the Church & World (on this Vocation Sunday) but.....
- How can the Church serve the world in 21st century and what might God be calling us to do to make that happen?

13. Any other business

Matthew expressed thanks to Di Littler, who was stepping down as PCC Secretary. She was most grateful for the presentation of flowers.

On behalf of those assembled, Donald Edmond gave a vote of huge thanks to Matthew for all he does, & to his family, & wished them well in the coming year. The spontaneous applause expressed the gratitude of those assembled.

The APCM concluded at 12.24pm.

ELECTORAL ROLL

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – April 7th, 2019

- The preparation of the new Electoral Roll was undertaken between February 17th and March 17th, 2019.

Figures for the previous Electoral Roll cycle April 2013 – March 2019

Year	Total on Electoral Roll	Resident	Non-resident
2013 - 14	163	42 (25.7%)	121 (74.2%
2014 - 15	168	41 (24.4%)	127 (75.6%)
2015 - 16	171	38 (22.2%)	133 (77.8%)
2016 - 17	179	43 (24.0%)	136 (76.0%)
2017 - 18	178	45 (25.3%)	133 (74.9%)
2018 - 19	173	43 (24.8%)	130 (75.2%)

- Total number of Electoral Roll forms received during the cycle = 208
- The percentage of residents over the cycle varied between 22.2% and 25.7%
- Male: 78 (37.5%) Female: 130 (62.5%)
- Peak numbers were reached in 2016 – 17

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

A new Electoral Roll form was introduced and a Privacy Notice to accompany the forms was prepared to comply with GDPR regulations.

Official guidance states that during the preparation period, reasonable steps should be taken to inform everyone who was on the previous roll that the revision was in progress. Consequently, if no direct contact had been made after the second Sunday of the period, forms and explanatory letters

were sent with a s.a.e. to facilitate replies. Sixty-two letters were sent out to people on the previous Electoral Roll. There was no response from 29 of the people contacted.

Total on Electoral Roll after completion of the preparation period = 136

Resident = 50 (36.7%)

Non-Resident = 86 (63.3%)

New names added = 10

Forty-six names which were on the previous roll do not appear on the new roll.

Of the names removed:

- Five were known to have moved from the Parish and five transferred to another local parish
- Six requested removal of their names from the Electoral Roll
- Twenty-nine did not reply to letters sent.
- A few people were in poor health and unable to complete a form but may do so at a later stage.

Elena Grant

Electoral Roll Officer

March 19th 2019

ST PETER'S CHURCH, MANEY

SUTTON COLDFIELD

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENTS

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

Charity Number: 1140021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs H Tipper (ACA – ICAEW)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2018

The Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure Account) on page 4 of the accounts shows a total deficit on Unrestricted Funds of £5,567 which includes an unrealised decrease in investments value of £414. Income from donors, which includes the weekly envelope scheme, regular giving by standing orders, general and special collections and the recovery of tax by Gift Aid, increased this year by £1,631 to £76,385. Of this, Planned Giving increased by £3,449 (or 6.66%) to £56,021, the result of a successful Stewardship campaign in 2017 and the continued generosity of our membership. The increase in Hall lettings was reflected in the increase in income by 41% to £21,815.

With the increase in income, our charitable giving also increased to above budget to £3,750. Because of increased costs, the Expenditure budget for 2018 was up, but most of the expenditure accounts were below budget. The increase in total Unrestricted expenditure was therefore limited to 3.8% from 2017 to £113,721. This enabled us to restrict the operational deficit to £5,153 which was £5,897 less than we had budgeted for, which was excellent news. The Fund ended the year at £102,295.

We were fortunate to be gifted the cash assets, amounting to £16,629, associated with the Alscott Trust when the almshouses were transferred to the YMCA. We also received legacies from Colin and Margaret Smith and from Bessie Hartley to help with large items of expenditure. Among these were major repairs to the organ and the sudden demise of the church heating boiler. In addition we are grateful for a grant from the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council of £600 to help pay for the new planters by the North Porch. Designated funds at the end of the year were Quinquennial (£6,044), Church Emergency (£32,848), Hall Roof (£30,000), residue of Defibrilator (£324), Stone House, which funds our Youth work, (£221,129), and Church Fabric (£2,162). We also have residue of accounts covering office computer, fire safety actions and organ repairs of £12,000. There was a small deficit in Designated accounts of £1,027 reflecting the amount of gifts we received and the fact we have been without a Youth Worker for some months.

The total of Restricted funds is now £1,191. Details of all funds can be seen in Note 11 on page 14.

2018 benefited from the prudence shown by the PCC in 2016 in setting up longer term funds to cope with emergency repairs when receiving large legacies. The budget for 2019 is a good one giving a small surplus. As part of People and Places, the calculation of our contribution to the Diocese Common Fund has changed and we have a reduction from last year of £16,715. There may be additional costs associated with our ministry, and planned giving is likely to fall, so increased expenditure and charitable giving will eat into this.

At the end of the year the accounts show total funds of £407,994. The Balance Sheet on page 5 and Note 8 (Investments) on page 13 show where those funds are held with £189,251 on deposit with the Central Board of Finance (CBF) and investments (£214,198) 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 2018 which are set out on pages 4 to 15. This examination took place on the 1st March 2019.

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 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2018	2017
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME from:						
Donations	2,4	76720	22965	1025	100710	95314
Charitable Activities	2,4	23841	0	0	23841	18714
Other Trading Activities	2,4	6238	0	0	6238	5626
Investments	2,4	1769	7969	0	9738	9374
TOTAL INCOME		108568	30934	1025	140527	129028
EXPENDITURE on:						
Raising Funds	3,5	15646	0	0	15646	20065
Charitable Activities	3,5	98075	32616	1120	131811	193263
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		113721	32616	1120	147457	213328
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5153)	(1682)	(95)	(6930)	(84300)
GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	8	(414)	655	0	241	14055
NET INCOME		(5567)	(1027)	(95)	(6689)	(70245)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	12	0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(5567)	(1027)	(95)	(6689)	(70245)
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2018		107862	305535	1286	414683	484928
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DEC 2018	11	102295	304508	1191	407994	414683

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2018 £	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Church hall and equipment	7	1		1
Investments	8	214198		213957
			214199	213958
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors and payments in advance	9	4192		20200
Cash in Hand		50		355
Balance at bank		7968		10382
Short term deposits		189251		178167
		201461		209104
LIABILITIES: amounts falling due within one year	10	7666		8379
NET CURRENT ASSETS			193795	200725
NET ASSETS			407994	414683
REPRESENTED BY PARISH FUNDS	11			
Unrestricted			102295	107862
Designated			304508	305535
Restricted			1191	1286
			407994	414683

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2019, 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 Heeton (Chairman)

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G 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 2018

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 2019 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 2018

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 2018

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 2018

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2018	2017
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations:					
Planned Giving	56021	0	0	56021	52572
Collections	4780	0	0	4780	5753
Sundry Donations	663	17129	400	18192	5858
Legacies	0	5000	0	5000	0
Gift Aid Recovered	14921	0	25	14946	14551
VAT Reclaimed	335	836	0	1171	16580
Grants	0	0	600	600	0
Total Donations	76720	22965	1025	100710	95314
Charitable Activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	1747	0	0	1747	2949
Hall lettings	21815	0	0	21815	15425
Magazine Sales	279	0	0	279	340
Total Charitable Activities	23841	0	0	23841	18714
Other Trading Activities					
Magazine Adverts	241	0	0	241	73
Christmas Craft Fayre	2056	0	0	2056	2157
Other Fund Raising Activities	2331	0	0	2331	1825
Solar Panel Income	1508	0	0	1508	1329
Miscellaneous	102	0	0	102	242
Total Other Trading Activities	6238	0	0	6238	5626
Investments					
Dividends	914	7885	0	8799	8704
Interest	855	84	0	939	670
Total Investments	1769	7969	0	9738	9374
TOTAL	**108568**	**30934**	**1025**	**140527**	**129028**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2018	2017
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds					
Magazine Costs	191	0	0	191	165
Hall Costs	10705	0	0	10705	15407
Fundraising Costs	237	0	0	237	254
Support for Raising Funds	4513	0	0	4513	4239
Total Raising Funds	15646	0	0	15646	20065
Charitable Expenditure					
Resourcing Ministry					
Diocesan Parish Share	70356	0	0	70356	68976
Clergy Expenses	985	0	0	985	1658
Cost of Services	3549	5015	116	8680	3724
Church Running Costs	10421	0	0	10421	10346
Church Repair & Maintenance	3348	22822	760	26930	96987
Support for Resourcing Ministry	4869	0	0	4869	4611
Resourcing Mission					
Child Mission	187	0	0	187	229
Charitable Giving	4060	0	0	4060	3400
Special Appeals	0	0	0	0	380
Youth Work	0	3830	0	3830	2644
Miscellaneous	300	949	244	1493	308
Total Charitable Expenditure	98075	32616	1120	131811	193263
TOTAL	**113721**	**32616**	**1120**	**147457**	**213328**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MANEY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

4. INCOME for 2017

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2017
	£	£	£	£
Donations:				
Planned Giving	52572	0	0	52572
Collections	5438	0	315	5753
Sundry Donations	2258	0	3600	5858
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Recovered	14486	0	65	14551
VAT Reclaimed	144	16436	0	16580
Grants	0	0	0	0
Youth Work contributions from Group	0	0	0	16080
Total Donations	74898	16436	3980	95314
Charitable Activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	2949	0	0	2949
Hall lettings	15425	0	0	15425
Magazine Sales	340	0	0	340
Total Charitable Activities	18714	0	0	18714
Other Trading Activities				
Magazine Adverts	73	0	0	73
Christmas Craft Fayre	2157	0	0	2157
Other Fund Raising Activities	1715	0	110	1825
Solar Panel Income	1329	0	0	1329
Miscellaneous	164	0	78	242
Total Other Trading Activities	5438	0	188	5626
Investments				
Dividends	894	7810	0	8704
Interest	623	47	0	670
Total Investments	1517	7857	0	9374
TOTAL	**100567**	**24293**	**4168**	**129028**

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5. EXPENDITURE for 2017

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2017
	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds				
Magazine Costs	165	0	0	165
Hall Costs	9341	0	6066	15407
Fundraising Costs	254	0	0	254
Support for Raising Funds	4239	0	0	4239
Total Raising Funds	13999	0	6066	20065
Charitable Expenditure				
Resourcing Ministry				
Diocesan Parish Share	68976	0	0	68976
Clergy Expenses	1658	0	0	1658
Cost of Services	3724	0	0	3724
Church Running Costs	10346	0	0	10346
Church Repair & Maintenance	2594	94393	0	96987
Support for Resourcing Ministry	4611	0	0	4611
Resourcing Mission				
Child Mission	229	0	0	229
Charitable Giving	3400	0	0	3400
Special Appeals	0	0	380	380
Youth Work	0	2644	0	2644
Miscellaneous	68	100	140	308
Total Charitable Expenditure	95606	97137	520	193263
TOTAL	**109605**	**97137**	**6586**	**213328**

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6. STAFF COSTS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Wages and salaries	16984	15397

No member of the PCC received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses other than the Vicar as shown in Note 3. 2017 and 2018 include Office Administrator, Caretaker and our own Youth Worker (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 2018	1	
Net Book Value at 31st December 2017		1

8. INVESTMENTS

	£	£
Valuation as at 1st January 2018	213957	199902
Increase/(Decrease) in valuation	241	14055
Investments/(Disposals)	---	---
Valuation at 31st December 2018	214198	213957
Government stocks	---	---
1,681 shares in CBF investment fund	27154	27568
Stone House – 6,525 shares in CBF investment fund	105382	106987
Stone House – 58,392 shares in CBF property fund	81662	79402
	214198	213957

9. DEBTORS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	2846	3464
Solar Panel Feed-in-Tariff	175	156
VAT Reclaim	1171	16580
	4192	20200

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2018 £	2017 £
Gas Accrued	721	612
Electricity Accrued	272	134
Clergy Expenses	---	758
BDBF Sequestration Account	99	770
HMRC PAYE Tax Owed	---	329
Copier Usage Charge	100	70
Advanced Receipts for Weddings	50	---
Committed Donations to Charities	3917	3167
Organ Tuning	323	312
Retained for Roof Repairs	1777	1777
Organists Fees	---	450
Hall Window Repair	190	---
Nativity Play Costs	60	---
Sundry Supplies	157	---
	7666	8379

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance 1/1/2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Capital Movements £	Balance 31/12/2018 £
Restricted Funds						
Memorial Book	0	50	16	0	0	34
Choir	526	90	99	0	0	517
Discretionary Poor Fund	460	0	145	0	0	315
Sound System	300	0	0	0	0	300
Baptism Candle Sticks	0	125	100	0	0	25
Sutton in Bloom Planters	0	760	760	0	0	0
	1286	1025	1120	0	0	1191
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Sale of Stone House	216335	7969	3830	0	655	221129
Quinquennial Fund	6044	0	0	0	0	6044
Church Emergency Fund	50000	0	17152	0	0	32848
Hall Roof	30000	0	0	0	0	30000
Defibrilator	324	0	0	0	0	324
Church Fabric	2832	5000	5670	0	0	2162
Computer	0	500	459	0	0	41
Fire Safety	0	11629	490	0	0	11139
Organ Repair	0	5836	5015	0	0	821
	305535	30934	32616	0	655	304508
General Fund	107862	108568	113721	0	(414)	102295
	414683	140527	147457	0	241	407994

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The Discretionary Fund for the Poor is the result of anonymous donations for the Vicar to use at his discretion.The Stone House fund continues to support the Youth work in the parish; in 2018 the Youth Worker left us and the increase in fund value was due to 6 months of vacancy. The Quinquennial Fund remains to support the new review due in 2019.

12. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
There were no transfers between funds.				
Total Raising Funds	-	-	-	-

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	1	0	0	1	1
Investments	27154	187044	0	214198	213957
Debtors due within one year	3356	836	0	4192	20200
Short Term Deposits	69556	118405	1290	189251	178167
Cash	50	0	0	50	355
Bank	7968	0	0	7968	10382
Creditors due within one year	(5790)	(1777)	(99)	(7666)	(8379)
	102295	304508	1191	407994	414683

14. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Raising Funds £	Resourcing Ministry £	TOTAL 2018 £	Raising Funds £	Resourcing Ministry £	TOTAL 2017 £
Parish Administrator	4290	2860	7150	4024	2683	6707
Printing & Stationery	164	1474	1638	162	1454	1616
Telephone & IT	59	535	594	53	474	527
Governance	---	---	---	---	---	---
	4513	4869	9382	4239	4611	8850

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 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Charitable Giving from PCC			
Malawi	750		750
Toilet Twinning	300		300
Fight for Sight UK	400		400
Combat Stress	400		400
Carpenters Arms	400		400
St Basils	400		400
Church Army	400		400
Mothers' Union AFIA	400		400
Birmingham Elderly Care Appeal	300		300
Mothers Union (from Sunday Coffee)	310		310
	4060		4060
Charitable Giving from Special Collections (including Gift Aid)			
		---	---
	---	---	
Other Charities (not in accounts)			
Children's Society (Advent and Christingle)			101
Birmingham Christmas Shelter (Christmas Collections)			566
Christian Aid			2525
Christian Aid (Kerala Appeal)			601
Children's Society boxes			1077
Church Missionary Society (Lent Lunches)			565
Acorns (Fun for All)			100
Church Army (Carol Singing)			368
Research into Children's Brain Tumours (Fellowship)			400
Mothers' Union Overseas Projects (Fellowship)			400
			6703
TOTAL	4060	---	10763

The items in the Unrestricted fund represent the charities chosen by the PCC for the church's annual giving. This is determined from the formula of 10% of relevant net income. Relevant net income is calculated from total unrestricted general income, less apportionment, less VAT reclaimed, less grants for expenses. In addition a proportion of Sunday coffee donations is given to Mothers' Union.

ST. PETER'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL;

PCC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018-19

		Year to retire/re-elect
Sheena Heaton	(Vice Chair / Diocesan Synod)	2021
Graham Gomm	(Churchwarden)	
Malcolm Harley	(Churchwarden)	
Neville Benyon		2019
Owen Cain	(Deputy Churchwarden)	2019
Eric Swindells		2019
Paul Jenner	(Treasurer)	2020
Sonia Clucas		2020
Michelle Holland		2020
Solomon Salawu		2020
Dickon Taylor		2021
Peter Thorn		2021
John Heywood	(Diocesan Synod)	2021
Rosemary Coombes	(Deanery Synod)	2020
Sheila Richmond	(Deanery Synod)	2020
Suprabha Taylor	(Deanery Synod)	2020
Ann Willis	(Deanery Synod)	2020
Hazel Hallas	(Deputy Churchwarden)	
Philip Fox	(Deputy Churchwarden)	

August 2018

PARISH REPORTS

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

All the work contained in the last Quinquennial Report has now been completed and the fabric generally is in good condition. he next Quinquennial is due this year. Unfortunately, the company that did the building repairs in 2017 have gone out of business. We still hold a 5% retainer and this will be used on a small amount of remedial work which falls within the remit of the original contract.

A major expense has been the replacement of the church boiler, which failed at its annual service last summer. The lack of heating into the autumn whilst quotes and faculty were obtained meant that services had to be held in the church hall for a few weeks. However, the new boiler was in place and functioning in time for Remembrance Sunday. Total cost was £17,152 including £2858 VAT which will be reclaimed. There have been some teething problems in trying to achieve the heat output of the previous system despite assurance from the contractors that the new one is comparable. Suspecting partial blockage by sediment in the radiator circulation pipes, chemical treatment followed by flushing has been done. We still need to assess whether this has been a success.

Serious leaks in the organ blower pipes have been detected. All, except for one very minor leak, have been repaired at a cost of £5015 including £836 VAT which has been reclaimed.

The triangular piece of land adjacent to the tower has been surfaced to allow the marking out for a disabled parking space. Other surface repair work has been done on Tower Walk and a strip at the entrance to the church car park.

A new bell rope in memory of Tony Martin has been fitted. This was dedicated during the morning service on 17th February.

In order to reduce the number of trips and falls from the altar steps in the Lady Chapel and main altar, the steps have been highlighted with yellow and black hatched tape. Although this is seen as a temporary measure, it will have to remain in place until a more pleasing solution can be found.

The carpet in the choir vestry is beginning to look dirty, particularly due to its use as a mess room during the prolonged building repairs done in 2017. It is planned to have it steam cleaned in the spring. A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased for use in the church.

In order to improve security in the church hall, the conditions of hire agreement have been revised. Hirers now have to sign they are ensuing that the link block doors remain locked, as far as possible, during the period of hire.

During the year, the filter basket to the hall percolator went missing. As the model is now obsolete, this necessitated the purchase of a new percolator at a cost of £150.

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

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. Unfortunately, this group is getting smaller each year, as the average age gets older. It would be encouraging to see some younger support.

Earlier this year, the scouts helped with the final winter clearance of leaves, particularly under the Peace Oak. This was arranged for a Saturday morning and we are very grateful for the excellent turn out of scouts and their parents. 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 9 times during the year 2018-9, twice with Matthew in the Chair, 6 times with Sheena and once with the Church wardens. The additional meetings (there are normally 7) were occasioned by Matthew's resignation and the need to put various arrangements in place.

A meeting with the Archdeacon, the Venerable Simon Heathfield, was held on 20 June when he assured us we would get a new Vicar who would live in our Vicarage. However, he advised us that the new Vicar would be required to spend a significant amount of his time working outside the Parish as under the terms of People and Places, St Peter's Parish was too small to qualify for a full time priest.

The formal process for appointing a new Vicar does not begin until after the PCC has held a Section 11 meeting. This takes place after an official letter notifying the Church Wardens of the vacancy has been received. Although no such letter was received during 2018, an informal Section 11 meeting was held on 17 October at which all the necessary arrangements were provisionally put in place (to enable us to go ahead as soon as the letter was received) - for example, an appointments panel and a small committee to draw up the Parish profile were appointed.

At the time of writing the official letter has still not been received. However, we have been informed by the Archdeacon that it is 'on its way'. The Section 11 meeting will take place on Sunday 17 March after church and it is hoped that an advertisement for the new vicar will appear shortly.

Although it is not usual practice, the Archdeacon wanted us to complete the Parish Profile before issuing the letter notifying us of the vacancy. This was sent to him early in the New Year but he was

not happy with some aspects of the profile. As a result, the PCC had a long and sometimes difficult discussion about what more we should include in the document. It is clear that in future at St Peter's we will have to be prepared to take more responsibility ourselves, especially for outreach and attracting and retaining new and younger people to our congregation. This may entail changes in the way we worship and relate to our community. However we made it clear to the Archdeacon that while we are able to be flexible, our traditional style of worship is very important to us.

There are currently 21 members of the PCC and 4 sub-committees plus the social committee. We also receive regular reports about children's work, the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. We are very fortunate to have such a large PCC and to have so many people who attend regularly and make a valued contribution. Researching other Parish Profiles showed how many churches struggle to have an effective PCC. Grateful thanks to our Treasurer, Paul Jenner for the excellent and accessible financial information he provides.

Sheena Heaton, Vice Chair

Group Council
No report

Churches Together in Central Sutton Coldfield
No report

Parish Office Administrator
I took over from Maddie Newell in March 2018 so have just completed a year in the role. The role now incorporates some additional duties taken over from Matthew during the interregnum and from members of the congregation who were no longer able to continue with them.

The church hall continues to be very busy with our regular weekly groups and most weekends there is a party, often two. 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.

For safety reasons the church wardens revised the hall conditions of hire in January 2019, with the addition of a new clause that the external doors in the link block should be secured during the period of hire. All groups have signed a revised copy. The church wardens have, however, agreed a period of grace for some groups to allow the doors to be left unlocked for class changeovers.

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 made for seasonal celebrations, including services, study and social events.

- In January and April there was a review of Christmas services, and it was noted that the choir was missed on Christmas morning. Other subjects discussed were a possible time and talents review and the appointment of a new CMS link missionary to replace Kate Quarrell.
- By June we knew that Matthew would be leaving, so time was spent in planning for the interregnum. Included in this was discussion about how we would mark the season of Creationtide in September.
- In August we began detailed planning for Remembrance Sunday, bearing in mind the centenary of the end of World War 1. We also reviewed our schedule of charity appeals, and began to think about the mission of St Peter's church. Reluctantly we concluded that Evening Prayer on Sunday evenings would have to be discontinued, at least during the interregnum.
- October's meeting gave us a chance to refine arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, and to draft a detailed plan of services for 2019.

Sheila Richmond

Choir Report

The choir has continued to give loyal service following Cathy Rhodes' move to Sheffield in August. We have a band of 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. Martin Shaw's setting of the Benedicite for choir and congregation was introduced at two services of Matins.

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 Andrew Fletcher, Joshua Roebuck, and James Burke.

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

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 continued support. Every penny they receive goes towards helping homeless, those who self-harm, working with vulnerable youth, the elderly and school children. They take the message of Jesus Christ through their mission to over 10 000 people every month.

On 20th December a number of the congregation and members of the choir went to Tesco in New Oscott to sing carols, as we have done for the past few years. We were joined by some musical friends and had a backing track to accompany us. The carols were well-received by shoppers and staff alike and we raised £368

Unfortunately, due to the broken boiler necessitating us to have our Sunday service in the church hall, we felt it impractical to organise a cake-sale in order to raise money for the good work of the Church Army. Fortunately, the PCC generously agreed to allocate a portion of their annual charitable funding to the Church Army which totaled £400 for which they were incredibly grateful particularly as they are trying to grow the number of Centres of Mission they have throughout the country.

Thank you to all who have taken part in church army fundraising and helped to raise the profile of such a worthy and necessary cause within the family of St Peter's Church. Continuing to champion this cause is indeed a valuable part of our service to Christ and may there be many more opportunities for fundraising for and promoting the crucial work of this wonderful organization in our church calendar.

Sue Taylor

Church Mission Society

In the past year we have said "Farewell" to our former partner, Kate Quarrell, and "Welcome" to our new partner, Dr. Nicci Maxwell.

Nicci is working at the "Potter's Village" in Uganda - you can learn more about her involvement by reading the newssheet on the Hall notice board or requesting updates (by e-mail or on paper) from me. Please continue to pray for Nicci and Kate.

Garth White

Children's Society

It's been another very good year for our donations to the Children's Society with over £1000 being donated by our very kind box holders. A few donors have now moved out of the parish but luckily some more members of the congregation have requested boxes so hopefully we will be able to send this very worthwhile charity a similar amount next year.

Joan Bradley

Cedar Group

The Cedar Group (instigated by Margaret and Colin Smith) continues to meet. This is a fitting tribute to them and to the efforts of all members who meet twice a month with some support from

the Care Team. It is an informal gathering for all who value a chat, cup of tea, cake or biscuits and company on the first and third Tuesdays from 2-4pm in the Hall. All welcome.

Movita Dening & Rosemary Coombes

Church Fellowship

This year several meetings have been with the Mother's Union. The Fellowship is independent whereas the M.U. has to abide by decisions made centrally but where possible joint meetings are planned.

During the year the programme has covered interesting subjects, some serious and others more light hearted. John and Frances welcomed the CF to their house for a Coffee Morning in aid of the charities. In July the CF organised an evening meal and in December the M.U arranged a Christmas daytime meal.

There has been quite a change on the Committee. I am now Leader (rather than Acting Leader), Joan Bradley is the Treasurer and Ruth Dineley the Secretary.

During 2018 we were able to donate £400 to Mothers' Union International, £400 to Research into Children's Brain Tumours and £100 to the Church.

Our projects for this year are Midland Freewheelers Blood Bikes and Parkinsons and we have speakers from both of these in this Year's programme.

As always many thanks to all who have contributed their time and energy, especially to John and Frances Heywood for hosting the coffee morning once again.

Anyone is welcome to come to the meetings in the Church Hall which are usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month and start at 2.30. It is not necessary to be a member of the Church.

Sylvia Cotgreave – Leader of the Church Fellowship

Social Committee

In 2018 the Social committee was happy to welcome Sue Griffiths who joins our happy band! So the committee is now made up of Christine White, Ruth Dineley, Janet Harley, Frances Heywood, Sue Griffiths and Sonia Clucas.

We have played a part in the usual church events throughout the year. We provided cakes to celebrate the Patronal Festival and organised the Harvest Lunch. There was mulled wine and mince pies after the Carol Service. Members of the committee also provided and served food at Messy Church. We served refreshments at the Vintage Sale.

Our Pre-Lent party was a new venture. It was well attended and enjoyed by people of all ages. This was a good opportunity for people of all ages to mix and get to know each other. It has been decided to have a party again this year.

We organised a Bring and Share Lunch for Matthew and Cathy before they left. This was a lovely occasion and an opportunity for us to thank them for all they did for us at St Peter's.

The committee has been discussing ideas for social events and fundraising in the future. So watch this space!

We thank all those who have helped in any way to make the social events successful. If you are interested in helping in the future or have ideas for events please speak to any of the committee.

Sonia Clucas

Children & Youth Ministry

Sunday Club has now been running for 7 years! The numbers are not large but we rarely have a week without children. The challenge is that we never know which children will be attending each week so planning can be tricky. There could be a group of nursery children or teenagers or a mixture of these. It certainly keeps us on our toes!

Younger children enjoy playing in the children's corner. Some of them are starting to attend Sunday Club. The older children are moving on too. Some are staying in church for the service sometimes.

It is good that many of our young people have started to take part in church services and events including drama, 0-99 services and the Christmas Craft Market.

Messy Church sessions were held 3 times in 2018. Themes were "God's wonderful world", "Saint Peter" and "Jesus the light of the world". We have a wonderful group of helpers running activities and providing food. We have missed Matthew and Cathy's input but it is good that we have been able to continue running Messy Church sessions. Messy Church can be a great opportunity to welcome new families into our church.

As our children grow into young people there is great potential to start a youth work at St Peter's. Sadly our youth worker, Rob, moved on during 2018. It is to be hoped that we will be able to appoint a new youth worker in the not too distant future. Our young people need nurturing!

It is a privilege to have a small part in the lives of the children and young people and see them develop in their lives and faith. Please pray for them and for those who are involved in this important ministry.

Sonia Clucas

Safeguarding

Adult's Report - Following discussion of Lone Working guidance (part of Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines) the Care Team members were issued this year with simple ID cards for use if needed for visiting. Members who visit adults in Care Homes, own homes or in church are due to be updated in Safeguarding Training during the course of this year (training should be renewed every 3 years according to Diocesan advice).

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team continue to provide advice, training and updating of procedures to all Parishes. Sometimes this information is specifically for Children's workers and Care Teams visiting Vulnerable Adults, but it may also be for Church Wardens and PCC's when Church Policy has to be updated.

As the Care Team work in very different surroundings from the Children's section two separate reports have been submitted for this Annual Parish Meeting.

Children's Report - In the past year there were no new assistants recruited to work in the Children's group and thus no DBS checks required. However, several of us will be due for a 5-year repeat check in 2019. We are also awaiting advice on dates for our 3-year training update, which is now due, and may be either by attending a lecture or by using an e-training module.

Barbara Chappell
Parish Safeguarding Coordinator

Care Team 2018-2019

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.

Three meetings were held during the last year where members reviewed progress and discussed new ideas and approaches. As a result of discussion, the team is considering provision of better signage in the church for newcomers, visitors and those who may be suffering from dementia.

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 has 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

AGM Report from Diocesan Synod 2019

The major business at diocesan synod this year has been discussion about how the diocese can operate within its restricted budget and by employing fewer paid clergy. This scheme, called 'People & Places', proposes different styles of leadership, not necessarily by ordained people, and makes it clear that the old style of one Vicar per Parish is unlikely to continue in its present form. We will all need to be open-minded and be prepared to undertake tasks and responsibilities to ensure the continued viability of our churches.

The diocese has appointed Rev Dr Sharon Prentis as Dean of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Affairs and her first report was made in November 2018; this indicates that the diocese has work to do.

The diocese is also working at reaching out to different people who are not traditional church goers through appointments like mission apprentices and by experimenting with setting up new congregations by 'church planting'. Such initiatives are often of relatively short duration but meet a need at a particular time; others go on to develop into more stable and permanent arrangements.

St Peter's has two representatives on Diocesan Synod, Sheena Heaton and John Heywood. The both contribute to the work on Eco Diocese and John has been chosen to join the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for the Care of Churches.

John Heywood & Sheena Heaton

Carpenter's Arms

It is with heartfelt thanks that the Trustees of the Carpenter's Arms Community Centre acknowledges the continued support of the Parish Council and congregation for its charitable giving. We report that the Centre has maintained its level of activities in the areas in which it has specialised for the past four 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. The Centre hosted the Birmingham Night Shelter Initiative for homeless men earlier in the year.

The Centre has been challenged in the way in which it has to respond to the financial demands upon reserves caused by the ever-increasing burden of safety and security measures vital for a Community Centre. 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 members: Sonia Clucas, Ann Willis, Janet Harley and Barbara Chappell.
Theme for 2018 - "In Mary Sumner's footsteps"

Jackie Brocklebank told us about the life and legacy of Mary Sumner who set up MU to support families. We talked to young parents, grandparents and young people about the needs of families today. Ann compiled and published the results in the church magazine and MU Link publication.

After considering the challenges of family life it was good to hear about people supporting families and young people. Sue Sharp spoke about the work of the Children's Society. Rob Jones sent us information about The Gap working with young people in Sutton.

We shared memories of people who inspired us in our faith journey. Some members attended the Quiet Day with Bishop Ann. We met for the Wave of Prayer to pray for the needs of members in other countries.

There was the Festival Service at the Cathedral and a service at St James Hill to mark the end of the Triennium and thank Jackie for her 6 years as Diocesan President. The Summer Lunch at All Saints Four Oaks was enjoyable.

It was good to have joint activities with the Church Fellowship including two meals, a trip to Dudmaston and a joint meeting during Lent.

2018 has seen changes to MU including a new constitution and Matthew leaving his post as MU chaplain. In our branch we have welcomed 3 new members and celebrated Daphne being a MU member for over 50 years. We thank Rosemary Quickenden for repairing our banner.

Members attended 15 baptisms to present a card and teddy. We sent baptism anniversary cards to those baptised in 2017. We raised £135 at our Tea Party and were entertained well by Tony Gray and exercised our brains with quizzes. £100 from our funds was shared between AFIA and MU projects. Members supplied and made the posies for Mothering Sunday and made the Christingles for the Christingle service.

So once again it was a very busy year. Thanks to all who have helped in any way.

Sonia Clucas

Sutton Coldfield Deanery Synod

There have been two meetings this year. In October, the main speaker could not attend so Rev Canon Adrian Leahy briefly outlined some of the new proposals for reallocation of resources under People and Places 2 (the Diocesan strategy for reorganisation). The 13 deaneries would be amalgamated to 6; Sutton Coldfield would link with Aston, for example.

The January meeting was a joint one with Aston Deanery at Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green. Mark Berry, a Fresh Expressions worker was the speaker. He talked enthusiastically of his experience in helping set up church projects in workplaces, cafes, community spaces – 'doing church where people are'

The main business of the meeting was to give further details of the proposals for reallocation of resources referred to in the last meeting. Andrew Halstead explained that the parish is and always will be the first and most important unit of organisation but the deanery would have a greater role in facilitating the exchange of ideas and practice between parishes. There would be a full time Area Dean for each deanery. This person would have some additional part time expert support – in book keeping, parish buildings advice, HR support etc. The sharing of ideas, parish planning for mission and worship for example, would be through the deanery. The first 3-5yrs of funding for this would come from the Church Commissioners.

Following much discussion, the proposal to amalgamate Aston and Sutton Coldfield deaneries was put to the vote and carried by the vast majority at the meeting.

Sue Taylor, Sheila Richmond & Rosemary Coombes

Christian Aid report to St Peter's for year 2018

The first thing to say in this report is a heartfelt thank you to the 27 collectors old and young who went out during Christian Aid week in May 2018 . You collected the wonderful average of £92 each, (£6 more than the previous year) giving us a total of £2,495.

The second is a thank you to the kind people of the parish who gave so generously. When you think that we are strangers to most of those who give, and that they include quite a few people of other faiths, the giving seems very wonderful.-

We don't do it for a reward in heaven, but in the hope of helping our fellow earthlings in great need. And most of us are much happier when people welcome us and smile and give us the envelope with money in than we are if someone is a bit abrupt. But I find it a comfort to think that Jesus knew it would be tough for us sometimes, and encourages us to pray and stick at it. If you have been wondering whether to offer, hesitate no longer, for He will help you. You may find it a bit hard, but afterwards you will be glad.

And talking of generosity, we had, unusually, a second collection for Christian Aid in August/September 2018. This was in response to the unprecedented flooding in Kerala, South India. In just two weeks the St Peter's congregation donated £600. In the letter of thanks, Christian Aid said,

'We are focusing our initial response on the hard-hit Wayanad district in northern Kerala, and Idukki district in the centre of the state. We will target areas with some of the most deprived and socially excluded people groups in Indian society: Dalits (who have the lowest social status) and 'Adivasis' (indigenous tribal communities).

Thank you so much for your continued support of our work with and for the poorest communities on earth. With your continued help, we can make a difference.

And the update on Kerala from February 2019 is that achieving water and sanitation hygiene in these two poor areas was paramount. Wells were cleaned, water filters installed and septic tanks repaired. In addition, about 1,200 of the most vulnerable families who had not received immediate cash grants from the state Government were given unconditional cash of around INR 10,000 (about £108). And 670 students in Idduki were given school kits. This is the practical nature of aid on the ground: preventing disease and helping people get back on their feet.

Robert Murray, who has business links with Kerala, was a key person in helping with this St Peter's appeal and we want to thank him very much.

Thank you, everyone, including those who so kindly helped with the counting. Here's to a good result in 2019.

Frances Heywood

7th Sutton Coldfield Scout Group Report 2018/19

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 63 young people on our books including boys and girls from a mixture of faiths and backgrounds. We have a further 22 children on our waiting list and this is a clear indication of the popularity of Scouting.

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 Awards in Beavers and three Chief Scout Silver Awards in Cubs.

The Scouts meet on one Monday evening in the Church 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 their 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.

The recruitment and retention of adult volunteers remains one of our key challenges and we have been without a Cub Leader (aka Akela) for over 3½ years. This role has been covered by Mark Ellis, Group Scout Leader, with support from enthusiastic Assistant Leaders and Leaders from other

sections. The Beaver and Scout sections continue to be led by Julie Ellis and Andy Worship respectively and we are all extremely grateful for the help and support we receive from the rest of the Leadership Team.

During the year two of our Leaders, Andy Worship and Dave Archer, have been awarded the Medal of Merit which is given for outstanding service over a period of at least 12 years. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period.

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.

Several members of the Leadership Team joined with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from across the town to support the hugely successful Sutton Coldfield Scout Gang Show in February 2019

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. We have completed the Gardening Challenge Badge where the girls were able to plant and grow different seeds. We then did the Teddy bear's Picnic badge and had lots of fun doing activities about teddy bears and had our own teddy bear picnic at the end. We also completed our fairy-tale badge. We have started trying out activities from the new Guiding programme and we are currently working on our Innovate badge.

Over the summer we went on a Rainbow trip to Twycross zoo. We had a great day out learning about all of the different animals and seeing them around the zoo. The girls especially enjoyed feeding the lorikeets and watching the monkeys.

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 two young volunteers, 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