



The AGM of the Church Congregation with the Trustees
will be held in church immediately after the morning service on
Sunday 23 October, 2022

The Agenda for the meeting is given below and the relevant papers and reports for discussion are included in this document. Please read the reports in advance and make a note of any questions or points you may wish to raise at the meeting. Thank you.

ST PETER IN ELY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the CHURCH CONGREGATION with the TRUSTEES
SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER, 2022

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM held on Sunday 17 October, 2021
4. To receive:
 - a. a report from the Trustees of St Peter's Church
 - b. a summary of the Trust Accounts for 2021 from the Treasurer to the Trustees
 - c. a report from the Chapel Wardens
 - d. a report from Church Congregational Committee
 - e. a report from the Organist
 - f. a report from the Servers
 - g. a report from the Safeguarding Officer
5. Election of two Chapel Wardens for 2022-2023
6. Election of up to eight Congregational Committee members for 2022-2023
7. Closing comments
8. Any Other Business

ST PETER IN ELY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Church Congregational Committee
held on Sunday 17 October, 2021 at 10.30am in St Peter's Church

Present: 19 members of the Congregation and Trustees

1. Welcome by Fr Paul Andrews

Father Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present that, as all reports and additional papers relating to the agenda had been circulated beforehand, these would all be taken as read with opportunities to raise questions or make comments as the meeting progressed. He also drew attention to the other important purpose of the meeting which was the election of Chapel Wardens and Congregational Committee members to serve St Peter's for the next 12 months.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Richard Benderz and Nick Pallister

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 17 October, 2021

These had been circulated previously and were taken as read. Fr. Paul asked if there were any questions or amendments. There were none so it was unanimously agreed that they be accepted as a true record.

4. To receive a number of reports taken as read:

a. A report from the Trustees of St Peter's Church

Ian Lindsay added to his report that the Trustees were delighted with the way St Peter's had managed to keep active during the periods of Covid restrictions. He then drew everyone's attention to the fact that the process of finding a replacement for Fr Paul had already begun, emphasising that St Peter's will continue in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. He also explained that the forthcoming work on the fabric of the church would require the use of scaffolding and cherry-pickers which would cause some disruption within the church grounds once the works started.

b. A summary of the Trust accounts for 2020 from the Treasurer to the Trustees

In Nick Pallister's absence, Ian Lindsay mentioned the dramatic loss of income in the last calendar year, brought about largely by the enforced government closures of the church, but stressed that giving had continued and he highlighted the new means of payment mentioned in the Trustees report. Jean Goodwin asked if there would still be the opportunity to donate via the Gift Aid envelopes and Ian gave assurances that this would be so.

c. A report from the Chapel Wardens

Fr. Paul introduced this report by thanking Janet Fairweather and Susan Sims for the tremendous amount of work and help they had given to him and the church during the last year. The report itself was taken as read with no further questions.

d. A report from the Church Congregational Committee

The report was taken as read with no further comments added.

e. A report from the Organist

This was taken as read with no questions raised. Fr. Paul thanked Janet Fairweather for her dedication throughout the year and congratulated her on her selection of organ music throughout the Covid restrictions when singing was not permitted.

f. A report from the Servers

Kevin Sims added that, since writing his report, Richard Benderz had offered to become a server.

g. A report from the Safeguarding Officer

Rob Henderson said that he had nothing further to add to his report and no questions were raised.

5. Election of two Chapel Wardens for 2021-22

As no new nominations for Chapel Wardens were forthcoming, Fr. Paul asked Janet Fairweather and Susan Sims whether they would be willing to serve for another year. Both agreed to do so and were elected unanimously.

6. Election of up to eight Congregational Committee members for 2021-2022

Fr. Paul thanked everyone who had served on the committee. In the course of the year, Judy Botting and Judith Andrews had both moved away from Ely and so were no longer able to attend meetings. Suzanne Lindsay said she was happy to continue looking after the flowers, take bookings for St Peter's House and the church but did not wish to continue as a committee member. There were no new nominations for the committee and the remainder of last year's committee - Janet Fairweather and Susan Sims as Wardens, Ian Lindsay representing the Trustees, Richard Benderz, Paula Fleet and Rob Henderson - agreed to remain in place for the coming year. Fr Paul described the committee meetings as relatively informal and invited anyone who may be interested in joining at a later date to let him or the wardens know.

Fr Paul also took this opportunity to thank Darren Bate and Tukta publicly for all the regular cleaning work they undertake both in the church and in St Peter's House and to express how much this was appreciated.

Notice was given that the next meeting of the Committee would be on Thursday 21 October, 2021 in St Peters House at 7:30pm.

7. Closing comments from Fr Paul Andrews

Fr Paul thanked everyone for his past two and a half years at St Peter's and pointed out that, as he planned to retire completely in late April 2022, this would be the last time that he would chair an AGM here. He added that he was only meant to stay for a year but will actually have been here for nearer three years by next Easter.

8. Any Other Business

Canon Nicholas Thistlethwaite wished to inform the meeting that the church organ had recently been awarded Grade II status by the British Institute of Organ Studies, an excellent result for such a small instrument. Nicholas presented a certificate to Janet Fairweather and explained that this recognition would be helpful if applying for grants in the future. Research in relation to the award revealed that the organ had been purpose-built for St Peter's in 1891 by Thomas Hill of London and retained many features of original construction.

Susan Sims asked if the pew restriction notices could now be removed from the pew-ends and this was agreed unanimously. It was also decided that, from next Sunday, there would be a return to the full musical liturgy, i.e. the singing of the Merbecke Communion Setting and five congregational hymns, and the Holy Water stoup at the church door should be reinstated with the proviso that the water be refreshed weekly. However, Fr Paul stressed that the sharing of the Chalice was still not possible.

There being no further business the meeting was closed and all present were invited to stay for refreshments in St Peter's House.

REPORTS TO THE 2022 AGM

REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEES OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

Ian Lindsay

Our current trustees are: Ian Lindsay (Chairman), Nick Pallister (Treasurer), Jane Blanchard (Secretary), Michael Judkins (legal adviser), Chris Phillips (covering matters spiritual), and Mary Rone (liaising with the Diocese). Archdeacon Hugh McCurdy resigned with effect from 1 September 2022 but his successor, Archdeacon Richard Harlow, has agreed to join us. He will be attending his first Trustees' meeting on 24 November, 2022. This will retain an important link with the diocese.

The Trustees' main purposes remain the care of the fabric and contents of St Peter's Church and St Peter's House and the contribution towards the stipend of the priest in charge. Since the last AGM, we have held six meetings. Fr Paul, until his retirement on 24 April 2022, Janet Fairweather and Susan Sims as Chapel Wardens have also attended our meetings. In return, I have attended and reported at meetings of the Congregational Committee.

We have continued with the aim of changing our status from that of a Trust to that of a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Progress has been very slow as there were significant delays at the Land Registry but, within the last three weeks, we have been able to register the church land in the name of three of our current trustees. Thus, we can now apply to become a CIO.

As for the church building, I am delighted to say that we have been awarded a £20,000 grant by Amey Cespa as a major contribution to the costs of undertaking the more urgent repairs advised in our last Quinquennial Report in 2019. We have also installed wi-fi in St Peter's House and will arrange for this facility to be extended within the Church. We continue to let the house rooms to a variety of local organisations.

We also continue with our search for a Priest to lead us as a congregation. Regrettably, following initial interviews in February, our chosen candidate decided not to take up his appointment due to a change in personal circumstances and we have recently been readvertising through various avenues and media throughout the summer. At the time of writing, we have just one applicant for the post. Others did express some interest but have not applied. The date for interviews is 6 October, 2022. We can only pray for a successful outcome.

My fellow trustees offer a wide range of backgrounds and skills and do an immense amount of work on behalf of St Peter's. Not all of them are members of the congregation so I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them publicly on your behalf. In future, trustees will be rotated on a regular basis and if anyone feels that they would like to contribute to our work, I would be delighted to talk to them.

SUMMARY OF THE TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR 2021

Nick Pallister

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REPORT FROM THE CHAPEL WARDENS

Janet Fairweather

The year at St Peter's following our last AGM, held on Sunday 17 October, 2021, has proved to be divided clearly into two halves, the first spent under the pastoral care of Canon Dr Paul Andrews and the second, a period during which, in the absence of a stipendiary Priest-in-Charge, regular worship has been maintained by a rota of clergy recruited on a week-by-week basis to celebrate and preach at our 9.30 am Sunday Sung Eucharist. We are very grateful to all of them for their generosity in helping us through a difficult time.

Throughout this year, unlike last, it has been possible for regular worship to be maintained in church without closures or restrictions imposed by the government. In addition, and for as long as Fr Paul

remained in post, an on-line Eucharist was live-streamed from his house on Saturday evenings. No attempt was made to reinstate a weekday said celebration of Communion but, at Fr Paul's instigation, a service of Benediction was introduced as an adjunct to our Sung Eucharists on most third Sundays of the month while he remained in office at St Peter's.

Following decisions agreed at last year's AGM, all tapes restricting access were removed from the pews, the holy-water stoup was reinstated in the porch and we returned to the singing of five hymns and Merbecke's Holy Communion setting on Sunday mornings. The offering of Communion in both kinds by intinction has continued. The practice of mask-wearing in church continued strictly through the winter of 2021-22 though it has been relaxed somewhat since then.

A new, elegantly printed and reusable service booklet, incorporating the revisions to our liturgy introduced by Fr Paul, was approved by the congregational committee in October 2021, prepared for publication by Susan and the Ely Print Centre, and brought into regular use.

The concluding months of 2021 featured: a Sung Eucharist on All Saints Sunday (31 October) and a said Requiem for All Souls at noon on the following Tuesday (2 November); an outdoor Plant Sale in the Church Grounds, with refreshments available in the House, organized by Janet and Paula on Saturday 6 November in aid of "Sing Together" and "Smile", the charities which St Peter's had undertaken to support in 2020 and again in 2021; an Advent Carol Service, featuring St Peter's Singers under the direction of John Wyatt, was held on the evening of Sunday 5 December, the first such service since 2019. No Midnight Mass was held for Christmas 2021 but an evening online service was provided on Christmas Eve and a Sung Eucharist was celebrated in Church on Christmas Day at 9.30 am.

The new year began with an early celebration of Epiphany on Sunday 2 January and Candlemas was observed as usual. Fr Paul held an Ash Wednesday Eucharist in church (2 March) and arrangements were made, once again, for our sharing of the "Stations of the Cross" devotion on Fridays during Lent with St Etheldreda's Roman Catholic Church. Lent, however, acquired an unexpected new dimension as a consequence of the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine towards the end of February. Fr Paul placed an icon of Our Lady of Kyiv on the Lady Altar and introduced a simple Ukrainian setting of the Kyrie Eleison for us to sing in place of Merbecke's for our services in Lent.

As for our regular Holy Week services: palm crosses were duly made ready for our morning Eucharist on Palm Sunday; an evening Eucharist followed by a brief vigil was held on Maundy Thursday, 14 April (minus foot-washing because of Covid fears), and a short service was held at St Peter's on Good Friday to precede the "Walk of Witness" procession to the Cathedral organized by Christians Together in Ely. Janet read a lesson at the Cathedral service which concluded this devotional event.

No Easter Vigil service was held in church on Holy Saturday but, as had become customary, Fr Paul ensured that an online Eucharist was live-streamed from his home that evening, in addition to a suitably festive Easter Eucharist celebrated the next morning at St Peter's.

Canon Laurie Blanchard who, on a voluntary basis, had acted as Priest-in-Charge of St Peter's for a period extending from 2009 to 2013, departed this life on 26 March, 2022, and his funeral was conducted by Fr Paul on Easter Tuesday, 19 April, and live-streamed *via* Facebook - a first for St Peter's. From an address in this service, we learnt of the influence Laurie had exerted on the thought of the future archbishop, Desmond Tutu.

Fr. Paul had already moved away from Ely to his chosen place for retirement in a Suffolk village the previous Autumn and, since then, had been taking charge of us from an inconvenient distance. His last Sunday in church with us was on 24 April. The Eucharist that day was followed by a farewell gathering. Generous donations from trustees, congregation members and friends enabled us to present a variety of gifts to Paul and Judith in grateful thanks for almost three years' ministry.

The expectation at that time was that a successor to Fr Paul would soon be replacing him after a very short vacancy. Interviews had been held and an appointment made, so we thought, back in February, but there was to follow a three-month-long period of uncertainty which concluded with the eventual withdrawal of our chosen candidate, explained as due to a change in personal circumstances.

Following Fr Paul's retirement, Susan took over the production of the monthly newsletter, including a detailed Eucharistic lectionary for weekdays, which Paul had previously undertaken. These newsletters continue to be emailed or circulated in hard copy to everyone on our mailing-list connected with St Peter's.

Fr Paul had provided us, prior to his farewell, with a roster of clergy who, at his behest, had volunteered to cover our need for Eucharistic celebrants during May and June. Thereafter, responsibility for obtaining clergy-cover was to devolve on the Chapel Wardens, and principally on Janet.

A regular programme of weekly Eucharistic worship has been maintained throughout the present vacancy and we are grateful to the following clergy for making this possible: The Revd Michael Banyard, Canon Chris Barber, The late Revd Dr Jenny Gage, Canon James Garrard, the Revd David Parker, Canon James Reveley, Canon Simon Talbott, Canon Dr Nicholas Thistlethwaite and the Revd Timothy Thompson.

It is sad to have to report that, after an initial appearance at St Peter's in May, Dr Jenny Gage was obliged to withdraw, the next month, from the further commitments she had made to help us through the summer, having been smitten by a serious illness which proved to be terminal. We acknowledge with gratitude that it was the Revd David Parker who stepped in to replace her, at short notice, on Trinity Sunday, having just made a most generous offer to fill any gaps in the roster of clergy which Janet was finding it difficult to fill.

Part-way through June, Susan was obliged suddenly to enter upon a prolonged leave of absence, which still continues, because first she and later, Kevin, her husband, were obliged to undergo surgery of different kinds, in addition to which Covid restrictions obliged them to self-isolate for periods in connection with their hospital treatment.

The responsibilities which were formerly Susan's have been shared out during her unavoidable absence as follows: Suzanne Lindsay undertook to check all the correspondence sent to the church email address; Angela Walker agreed to take on the formatting of the monthly newsletter including its Eucharistic lectionary, while Janet undertook to draft the "news" which it would contain; Susan's "meeting and greeting" duties before the Sunday service (mercifully less arduous now than earlier in the pandemic) have been delegated on various occasions to Jane Blanchard and Richard Benderz, and even, once, to George Wierzbicki who reappeared one week from Poland, unperturbed by a call for him to return to duties at his seat at the west end of the church; Jean Goodwin has provided guidance and help regarding the checking of collection-money.

Richard Benderz has tried his hand at bellringing, collection checking and delivering Harvest offerings to the Food Bank, as well as continuing to regulate the foibles of our sound-system and other electrical equipment. Janet has meanwhile taken on all "locking and unlocking" duties and the ventilation of the church, tried to ensure that quarantined hymn books and service booklets are always set out before the service and the cash collection counted after it, properly checked by a witness and consigned to the safe in readiness for banking, this latter task having been undertaken by Ian Lindsay since Fr Paul's retirement. Janet has also, in the absence of Kevin, maintained a roster of servers and has temporarily taken back responsibility for the ordering of vestry supplies. We are most grateful that Suzanne Lindsay has continued to ensure the smooth running of St Peter's House and maintenance of the bookings calendar and, with Jane Blanchard and Anna Luccardi, has also continued the regular decoration of the church with flower-arrangements. Chris Wilson has made several weekday visits to St Peter's to polish the brassware and Andy Elliott has cleaned and

repaired the thurible. Martin and Paula Fleet have masterminded the provision of refreshments in St Peter's House after our regular Sunday Services and the laundering of altar linen.

Susan has continued updating our website throughout the year and producing service and event posters for our notice boards. Now in better health, she has recently once more undertaken some editorial work on the monthly newsletter and the formulation of a new rota of lesson readers for the autumn. However, she has given notice that she does not wish to stand for re-election either as Chapel Warden or as a member of the Congregational Committee at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

As the result of the pandemic, the congregation attending St Peter's, in common with those of many other churches, has become sadly reduced in numbers. Necessarily, our church's activities have been restricted in the second half of the past year because of the resultant shortage of manpower. However, the following events from the past six months, supplementary to our regular pattern of weekly Eucharistic worship, deserve to be reported here.

At our Eucharist for Pentecost (5 June), the leadership for our congregational singing was provided by a visiting choir from North London called "The Moving Chamber Choir" directed by Benedict Collins-Rice, a former Ely Cathedral lay-clerk who lives locally.

On Friday, 5 August, the Choristers of St Wulfram's Church, Grantham (aged 9 – 13 years) gave an impressive concert at St Peter's during a week-long residency of their choir at the Cathedral.

On 9 August, the Ely Diocesan Chapter of the Guild of All Souls gathered at St Peter's for the services of Vespers and Benediction. Refreshments for all who attended were provided by members of the congregation under the leadership of Paula Fleet and her family.

For the annual Ride and Stride event of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust on Saturday 10 September, we lacked the human resources to open the St Peter's all day but Janet ensured that the Porch was open to receive cycling and walking visitors and mounted a small exhibition on one of its notice-boards to encourage people to seek out the church's seldom viewed Foundation Stone.

A Requiem Eucharist for H.M. the Queen was celebrated on 11 September, the Sunday following her death.

On Sunday 25 September, our Harvest Festival Eucharist was followed by a celebratory Brunch, once more organized by Paula and the Fleet family who had also laid on a memorable Pancake Brunch on the Sunday before Shrove Tuesday.

Both the "Foundation Stone" exhibition and an embroidery of Harvest-time in Medieval Ely by Linda Adams (which did duty as the centre piece of our green altar frontal for Harvest Festival) will remain on display throughout October.

The duties of "Chapel Wardens" are not easily defined. An attempt which Janet made several years ago, at the behest of the late John Yates, to list them, was a lengthy document but certainly not exhaustive. It did not mention, for example, the possibility that a Chapel Warden might find it necessary to repair a disintegrating nineteenth-century mosaic of Neapolitan workmanship in order to avoid the need to search for missing tesserae in the bag of the church vacuum cleaner; nor did it envisage certain other repair-jobs undertaken by Janet during this past year: the replacement of a missing brick in a pillar of St Peter's boundary wall along Broad Street or finding a remedy for the peeling off of part of the brown-painted dado beneath our War Memorial.

Exactly how responsibilities are shared between the Trustees and the Wardens is a mysterious and recondite matter only clarified when direct action is taken by one party or the other to settle the ambiguity. A case in point is the regulation of the heating controls. Janet would wish everyone in our congregation to be aware that she is no longer fulfilling her long-standing role of regulator of

these controls. Following the purchase by the Trustees of a new, ultra-modern thermostat to replace the old one which had become faulty, it is Ian Lindsay who has, for the moment, taken on responsibility for its functioning.

Janet was responsible, in May 2022, for organizing a Christian Aid Plant Sale at the Cathedral Centre, an annual ecumenical venture of long standing which, on this occasion, raised over £500. She has also represented St Peter's at several meetings convened by Christians Together in Ely in its period of gradual recovery from the ravages of the pandemic. However, the CTiE Festival on Palace Green, scheduled for Saturday 17 September, to which she and Paula Fleet had hoped to contribute an autumn plant sale had, sadly, to be postponed till next year because of the period of national mourning which followed the Queen's death.

As one result of this postponement, an opportunity to raise funds for St Peter's chosen charities for 2022 - "Emmaus" (local) and "Médecins Sans Frontières" (international) - was lost and it remains to be considered what other sort of fund-raising event might be organised in place of it in the near future to compensate for this.

Finally, congratulations to Rob Henderson for having been accepted for a three-year, part-time course of training for ordination by the Eastern Counties Ministerial Training Scheme, and to Andy Elliott who will, by the time of the AGM, have been ordained Deacon in Scotland with a view, initially, to ministry on the Shetland Isles.

REPORT FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE

on behalf of Paula Fleet

The Church Congregational Committee met four times during the last year and, for the first time in two years, all of these meetings were held in person in St Peter's House. Fr Paul chaired the first three meetings until his retirement in April 2022 after which Janet Fairweather acted as chair.

Over the last 12 months, items for discussion and planning have included:

Regular reports from the Trustees and the Safeguarding Officer.

Service planning throughout the year especially marking the changing seasons, e.g. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc. and other festival days

Approval of the new order of service booklets.

The ongoing preparations for Fr Paul's retirement including planning for the vacancy period, the provision of clergy cover for services during that time and the continuing appointment process for a Priest-in-Charge to replace Fr Paul.

Ensuring adequate cover for the various duties necessary to the weekly running of the church, especially the counting and banking of the cash collection previously undertaken by Fr Paul and Judith.

The continuation of charitable giving to "Operation Smile" and "Singing with Dementia" until the end of 2021 and the selection of new charities for 2022: "Emmaus" and "Médecins Sans Frontières".

Maintenance tasks in the church and the house, mostly undertaken by Richard Benderz and Janet Fairweather, including lighting issues inside and out, minor repairs to the mosaic pavement in the Sanctuary and to the boundary wall, church heating.

The year-round upkeep of the garden by Janet Fairweather and Rob Carman with the help of the Fleet family, Jean Goodwin and others.

Some initial consideration of new activities to broaden our church life, e.g. Bible study group.

REPORT FROM THE ORGANIST

Janet Fairweather

Since the last Annual General Meeting in October 2021, the congregation of St Peter's has kept to its decision to return to the congregational singing of five hymns and the Holy Communion setting

of John Merbecke at the 9.30 am Sung Eucharist. Until his retirement at the end of April, 2022, Canon Paul Andrews took responsibility for the choosing the hymns but, after that, it has been I, as organist, who have been undertaking this task, in consultation, Sunday by Sunday, with our visiting Eucharistic celebrants.

St Peter's Singers, now under the direction of John Wyatt, reappeared for the first time since before the March lockdown of 2020, to sing for our Advent Carol Service on the second Sunday of Advent, 2021. A good number of singers were assembled for this occasion in the Choir Stalls, after careful measurement to make sure that they were singing across the central aisle at a Covid-safe distance from one another of at least two metres. The same seating arrangement, whereby both north and south choir stalls are used, has been retained for subsequent appearances of the Singers. The long-established pattern whereby a relatively small group of Singers contribute an anthem to the Sunday Eucharist on fourth Sundays of the month has been retained this year, though with some interruptions, including a long one in the summer. Most recently, the Singers were present to sing Maurice Greene's "Thou visitest the earth . . ." as a post-Communion anthem at this year's Harvest Festival Eucharist and to enjoy the celebratory "Brunch" in the Church Room afterwards.

The organ received its yearly visit from the organ-tuners in December, 2021 and has remained in pretty good order despite the abnormally high temperatures in church this past Summer. The singing of two visiting choirs - one from North London, the other from Grantham, Lincolnshire - has provided us with reminders of the good acoustics which St Peter's has to offer to musicians.

REPORT FROM THE SERVING TEAM

Kevin Sims

We were delighted to welcome Richard Benderz to the serving team, Richard taking over from Judith Andrews following the Andrews' move to Suffolk in September 2021. Richard, whenever present, assisted Kevin Sims in server duties, the team being augmented periodically by Ely Cathedral Verger Andrew White, who also kindly acted as a server when in attendance at St Peter's.

Following Kevin's enforced absence from mid-June (due to his wife's and then his own, medical issues), Andy Elliott took up server duties whilst he was still attending St Peter's prior to his Ordination in Scotland in September. Also kindly stepping up to assist, following completion of his A Levels, was Richard Garrard and so the two Andrews and the two Richards formed the mainstay of the serving team throughout the summer months. Rob Henderson was also able to assist occasionally in the company of his son Oswald and it was wonderful to be able to welcome back on one Sunday Glyn Taylor, who acted as Thurifer. We are most grateful to all these individuals who have performed server duties throughout the last year.

Changes in these arrangements have become inevitable because of Andy Elliott's move to Scotland, whilst Rob's own path to Ordination now means he is not present at St Peter's as frequently as hitherto. However, it is likely that Richard Garrard will be able to stay with us during his gap year locally before moving on to University.

Kevin's return date is currently uncertain so it appears that we will be dependent for servers on Andrew White and the two Richards in the immediate future, although Martin Fleet has kindly offered to help with 'basic serving' should this be necessary.

REPORT FROM THE SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

on behalf of Rob Henderson

There has been little to report on Safeguarding matters in the course of the last 12 months and the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard shows that St Peter's has remained mostly up to date with all requirements.

However, reviewing the dashboard at this time, there are now two urgent items requiring the Trustees' attention: firstly, the need to complete the annual review of the procedure for dealing promptly with any safeguarding concerns or allegations and, secondly, to confirm that the list held

on record of Non-Church Activities which may involve children, young people or vulnerable adults is correct.

It is also time for some individuals to update their safeguarding awareness certificates and DBS checks which are essential elements for anyone holding a named position within the church or a volunteer role which may involve work with children, young people or vulnerable adults. The training courses, provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, are now all available online and have to be repeated every three years.

Finally, as many of you will know, I have recently been selected for ordination and, as I mentioned at the last Committee and Trustees' meeting, I am not going to be able to do anything more in-depth regarding safeguarding from this stage on due to my training commitments. Over the past year, I have acted as both Safeguarding Officer and DBS checker. This means that St Peter's is now in need of a willing volunteer or volunteers to take over these two positions which are a vital and essential part of our church life and ministry. I will be happy to give a handover to any willing volunteer(s).

SUMMARY OF ST PETER'S CHURCH TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR 2021

Registered with the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales: Charity No.1059178

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Year ended 31 December 2021

RECEIPTS	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	NOTE
	£	£	
Dividends and Interest	3,152	3,349	1
Flat Rent	7,320	7,320	
Room Rent	1,708	1,545	2
Voluntary and Other Sources	9,135	9,461	3
Capital Grants	---	4,273	4
Sale of Assets	---	15,000	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	21,315	40,948	
PAYMENTS			
Direct Expenditure	21,999	22,975	5
Administration/Management	6,812	6,097	6
Payment for Assets	---	28,686	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	28,811	57,758	
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS	(7,496)	(16,810)	

NOTES

- 1 Lower investment returns due to full year's effect of a slightly more conservative investment strategy
- 2 Room rent slightly increased due to easing of government-imposed lockdown during the year.
- 3 Collections (*inclusive of gift added collections*) were £7,150 compared with £5,944 due to easing of government-imposed lockdown during the year.
Gift tax refund was £915 compared with £1,667 last year
Donations were £1,070 compared with £1,850 last year
- 4 No capital grants were received during the year. In the year 2020 we received grants from Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (£2,000) and Listed Places of Worship Trust (£2,272) in respect of the cost of the new gas boiler.
- 5 Honararium paid to Priest in Charge in lieu of rent: £1,667
House Rental provided for Priest in Charge: £7,157 (2020 £9,996)
Insurance: £2,788 (2020 £2,810)
Church Repairs and Maintenance: £4,295 (2020 £1,992) *main items were amounts paid to R&M Property Services for investigation of drains: £1140, and amounts paid to the architect Stephanie Norris for preliminary work in connection with works arising from the Quinquennial report: £2315.*

Church service expenses (*including print costs, CCLI licences, candles and vestry plumbing*): £1433 (2020 £1,069)

Church organist: £1,080 (2020 £1,180)

Church Admin expenses: (*mainly gas and electricity*) £3,579 (2020 £5,928)

6 Mainly expenditure relating to St Peter's House (*utilities, repairs and janitor expenses*)

SUMMARY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as at 31 December 2021

	2021	2020	NOTE
	£	£	
ASSETS			
Cash Funds	14,100	21,596	
Debtors	264	283	1
Investments	117,427	110,303	2
LIABILITIES			
Creditors	(1,912)	(767)	3
ASSETS FOR TRUST USE	5,364,919	5,201,421	4
TOTAL	5,494,799	5,332,836	

NOTES

1 Debtor is Gift Aid Tax refund for December quarter 2021

2 Investment values are as at 31 December 2021

3 Creditors are: AvantiGas £448; Eon £140.48; Gas Heating Services £390; Independent Examiner £100; Dr Paul Andrews 833.33

4 Assets for Trust use are the Church and St Peter's House and contents