

St. Peter's Church, Kineton



Becoming the people God calls us to be  
Loving  
God,  
Serving  
People,  
Growing  
Community



**Annual Report for the**  
**St Peter's, Kineton APCM.**  
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## *Letter from the Vicar*

Dear friends, In the busyness of life and church we rarely stop to look back, take stock of where we are and where we've come from. The APCM gives us the opportunity to pause, stand back and review the last year across the many projects, services and activities of the church, and see what God has been doing among us. There is a lot to celebrate.

It's encouraging to read about all the wonderful things that are going on in the life of St Peter's church. We have a community here that is growing in love of God, in service to others and in fellowship with each other. That community sits at the heart of a network of over 200 volunteers of all faiths and beliefs, that looks to reach out and bless the community and I feel so privileged to be part of this amazing community.

It's encouraging to read and be reminded about:

- The numbers of new people that are joining our church.
- The number of young people at St Peter's growing: across the age ranges we now have 50-60 young people involved in our church activities!
- The young people and adults who were baptised and confirmed last year.
- The courses and teaching series we ran and the impact they had for the people that came on them
- The many people who have been blessed by the work of the Foodbank, the GIFT project, the Bereavement Café, and the Village Lunch.
- The joy of the large number of baptism families and wedding couples we were able to bless in this last year
- The difference made by the money we've given away to other charities at home and abroad and the money we've raised to support local charities and projects.
- The fun and laughter that was shared at the many community events over the year, including celebrating Meeting Point's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

It was great to support Matthew Arnold as he was priested last July. Having two very able curates in Alison and Matthew has been such a gift to the church.

I am grateful to all the clergy and lay people on our leadership teams, for the wisdom and energy that they bring to the church.

We are blessed here at St Peter's with a great church family who are becoming the people God calls us to be. We are seeing people maturing in the Christian faith, serving those in need and growing closer in fellowship. And in all this, God is adding to our number.

Thank you all for the time, talents, money, and energy that you give in serving God and people.

**Barry Jackson**

# Loving God Ministries

Helping one another to grow in the **knowledge** and love of God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We know that people encounter God and learn in many different ways, so we continue to offer different services, prayer meetings, groups, events, and courses to help people on their journey.

## Families, youth, and children's work

There continues to be the vision for seeing children welcomed into the church community. Families and young people are being reached out to, and the love of God shared with them through the events and services on offer. Across the ages ranges we now have 50-60 young people involved in our church services and activities! A huge thanks to all the volunteers that make it all possible

### Simply Celebrate

This happens once a month and engages the children and families in the congregation. A light breakfast is served, and refreshments are available before and during the service. The service consists of drama, songs, craft/activity, talk and games and is upbeat with a celebratory vibe. Usually, we have 5 or 6 families who attend with children and roughly 12 children who are regularly participating.



### Simply Play

This happens every Wednesday morning during term time. The session is available to all pre-school aged children and their parents and carers. There are currently around 30 families on role. The families participate in soft play, crafts, singing, stories, and socialising. The church provides hot drinks and cakes/biscuits. Several Mothers Union members volunteer to help with the clearing up during and after the session.



### Sunday School (and Lego Church)



This happens every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning at Kineton Primary School. Regular helpers are Abi Chapleo, Liz Host and Katie Hartless Rose. Sarah Jackson is on standby if more adult helpers are required.

The session runs for 75 minutes and around 10 families attend regularly. The children enjoy building Lego creations connected to a theme. There is a story and song with links to the Lectionary. Sessions are promoted on social media and in school assemblies.



## School Choir

On Tuesday lunchtimes, we hold a KS2 choir in school. Attendance ranges from 10 to 20 children in Years 3 – 6. The choir learned two songs for Easter and performed them in church during the school's Easter service on the last day of the spring term. The next performance will take place at Shipston Proms. We are working in conjunction with Jules Harris from Longborough Opera.

*Liz Host-Elofson*

## Connect

Connect has continued to meet monthly at the Vicarage on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. We have a fabulous group of young people who enjoy food together, play games and discuss various topics. Our group has grown by 100% over the last year... we now have 12 to 14 young people aged 13-17 years who attend regularly, and it's always lots of fun! If you know anyone interested in joining, please do encourage them to come along on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm at the Vicarage.



We have had a fun year with lots of new relationships being built...some rising stars were born in our summer outing to the Banbury Light Karaoke studios and in January we ventured out to Tag Active in Stratford where the youth leaders were proud to score as much as one third of the young people's score!

Three of our young people were confirmed last summer and two of those were also baptised with a full immersion baptism 😊.

## 10:10

This group offers provision for children in school years 5 – 7. The sessions are now held at 5:30 – 7pm in church, every second Sunday in the month. Around 10 – 15 children regularly attend. They enjoy playing games together, having a brief 'pause for thought', sharing food and chatting. We finish each session with a prayer. The children are encouraged to share any prayer requests with the group. We also celebrated last June when one of the group members was confirmed.



## Sunday Morning Children's Group

Children between 18 months and 12 years old are welcome to join the session in the vestry after the start of the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays of each month. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is our Simply Celebrate all age service and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month is Sunday school where we offer Lego church. We offer activities and crafts to help children develop their faith. There tends to be between 6-10 children attending, and more for festival services and special occasions.

Thank you to the Sunday Morning Children's Group team for their faithful service, enthusiasm and dedication! There is a rota to help assist with this group and whilst we have a healthy number of volunteer helpers to support this, we currently only have two active leaders. We are looking to develop more helpers into leaders, but would welcome new volunteers too 😊

*Sarah Jackson*

## Services

We have continued to develop our range of services to help people encounter God:

- 8:30am **BCP** communion once a month.
- 10:30am service with **contemporary worship** which also has communion twice a month.
- Our first Sunday services, **Simply Celebrate**, continues to run successfully with breakfast beforehand and a great team of local families to help run the service.
- **Sunday School** continues to be popular, and we've evolved to become Lego Church, which attracts more children and their families from the Primary School.
- **The Table** is a new style of service where we enjoy a bring-and-share brunch, get to know each other, explore the Bible and encounter God in food and conversation. We've had three of these services so far and they have been very popular.
- **Pints of View** now meets in the Swan weekly and has 23 people on its WhatsApp group, but we usually get 8 to 12 on any particular week. The group also joined in the 2024 Lent course



- Our monthly service **'Breathing Space,'** offers a short service with mindful and meditative prayer to help people release tension and find peace in the busyness of life.

**BREATHING  
SPACE**  
*Letting go of our daily stresses*





- Festival services, like Carols in the Market Square and the Sealed Knot Torchlit parade, continue to be major celebrations.

Once again, we had a church full for the crib service, and we are hugely grateful for the volunteers who stepped in at the last minute when both Barry and Liz were ill.

- In June 2024 we welcomed Bishop Ruth to the church, where she baptised 4 people and confirmed 12, including two adults and four young people from St Peter's.
- The church has been used for many 'occasional offices' throughout the year with **fourteen baptisms, six weddings and six funerals**. Most recently we bade a sad goodbye to Lyn Tribe, a much-loved member of our congregation. She is very much missed by us all.



Our services involve an incredibly large number of people that work together to organise rotas, set-up, welcome, organise breakfasts, make teas and coffees, lead the prayers, lead the sung worship, offer prayer ministry, decorate the church, clean the church, etc. as well as the team that leads and preaches at services.

We can only offer the wide range of things we do because of the dedicated work of our volunteers. **You are all amazing!** Thank you to everyone involved in our services, for all that you are doing 😊

*Barry Jackson*

## Faith and Life Courses

### Foundations

We offer "Foundations" – a 2-hour course – to all those who are planning a church wedding. We structure the session around the words spoken during the wedding service. It's intended to help couples understand a little more about the vows that they will make on their wedding day, and how the vows relate to Christian Faith. So, we cover the basics of "What is God Like?" "Who is Jesus?" "What do we mean by 'blessing' and 'covenant'?" On average we get 3 – 6 couples on each course, and the feedback is positive – couples value this opportunity, making the vows much more meaningful when the Big Day comes!



## Building Lasting Relationships

This marriage prep course is focussed on a life together after the wedding day. We explore a number of themes with wedding couples; the things that can cause conflict (like differences in personality, love languages, and family traditions) and the ways that we can navigate that conflict (disagreeing well, forgiveness, listening skills, self-awareness, etc).

### Explore



We ran two Explore courses in 2024, one on the Life Keys platform during the summer term and one 'live' at the Primary School in the Autumn.



Together with an Explore with Bacon Butties course that we ran in January, we've had about 20 people on the course over the last twelve months.

### Living Well



About eight people joined us for the Living Well course when we ran it again last Autumn. The course explores five dimensions of wellbeing (Physical, Mental, Emotional, Relational and Spiritual) that together impact our resilience; our capacity to deal with stress. Mental Health problems are growing across the country, and we are planning to repeat the course again this autumn.

### The Living Word

In January 2025 we ran a five-week sermon series called 'The Living Word' with follow-up discussions in home groups. This series explored ways to get far more out of reading the Bible. The videos of the sermons from this series and the workbooks will be put in the resources section of our new website (hopefully launching in summer 2025).



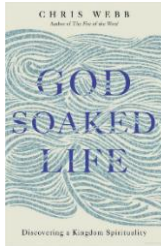
### Revelation

In 2024, Beren and Matthew ran an excellent course that explored this last book in the Bible and produced some great resources for this. Again these will be included on the new website for people to access

## **Les Mis lent course – ‘To love another person is to see the face of God’**



In Lent 2024, several groups repeated the Les Mis course we first ran 10 years ago. About 40 people did the course and as a result several people joined home groups.



### **God Soaked Life – 2025 lent book**

This deeply joyful book has been hugely popular with the people who read it through Lent, whether as individuals or as part of a home group. I'd encourage everyone to take the time to read and digest what Chris Webb says in the book.

### **A Walk with Jesus – 2025 Lent course**

This seven week course was put together by Paul and Barbara Essex and was done by some home groups and by some individuals. Each week included a Bible passage from the gospels, together with a painting, a poem, and on occasions music to aid reflection on our Lenten journey.



Our range of courses are designed to help people to:

- draw closer to God,
- gain a deeper understanding of God and his purposes,
- navigate life in the knowledge of God's love, so that they might know more of life in all its fullness.

There is a great team of people who put a lot of work into their development and delivery and thank you to everyone involved.

**Barry Jackson**

# *Serving People ministries*

*Helping one another to identify and develop our gifts and talents in order that each of us can serve where God is calling us to make a difference.*

*We help one another find the areas where God has given us a passion to make a difference. Our serving people ministries are specific church activities where we work together to bless people and help bring God's kingdom here on earth.*

## **Community Projects**

Our community projects aim to help the church engage with its responsibilities in the world, but their focus is within the community in which we live.

Community projects like these, and the many other ways in which our churches serve our communities, reflect the incarnational work that Jesus calls us to; looking to love and bless our neighbour in need. Thank you to the many people from across the benefice that give their time and effort to make them possible.



### **Fosse Foodbank**

**Project Coordinator:** Fiona Penson

**Core team:** Chris Cartwright, Olga Satterley, Mike Trotman, Martin Birch, David Muldoon.

Fosse foodbank has had another busy year. In the last 12 months (apr24-25), we distributed 1769 food parcels to people in need in South Warwickshire. This is a 3% decrease compared to last year.

In addition to regular food parcels, we also distributed more than 70 summer hampers and over 80 Christmas hampers to families on free school meals.

Food donations decreased from 24 tonnes last year to 21 tonnes this year, a 13% drop. As a result, the foodbank has had to buy more food.



*Foodbank Angels sorting out the Christmas hampers*

Our warehouse in St. Peter's church continues to operate twice a week on Monday and Thursday afternoons and we have a fantastic team of dedicated volunteers who keep the warehouse running smoothly and make sure our 4 centres keep stocked up with food.

The Kineton distribution centre is open every Thursday from 12.30 -2pm in St Peter's Church. We have a great team of volunteers who welcome people who've been referred to the foodbank, prepare food parcels and arrange deliveries.

We have a further 50 volunteers working across our 3 other centres, Southam, Wellesbourne and Bishop's Itchington.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers who work hard to keep the foodbank running. We are also very grateful to everyone who has donated to the food bank and supported us over a busy year.

More details on [www.fosse.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.fosse.foodbank.org.uk) or contact [Fiona@fosse.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:Fiona@fosse.foodbank.org.uk)

***Fiona Penson***

## **GIFT Project 2025 - Domestic**

GIFT has continued to support people in need this year by providing practical help, furniture, soft furnishings, white goods, carpets, essential cooking equipment, transport, companionship, and more.



Both single people and families have been supported by GIFT and their reasons for requiring support are varied, for example, bereavement, domestic violence, refugee status, depression, and dependency.

GIFT worked closely with the agencies involved in the International Immigration Organisation and Ministry of Defence Kineton in the settlement of refugee families and built-up stocks of clothing and toys in readiness for future families. Here, as well as soft furnishings, kitchen equipment and other essentials, UK lifestyle essentials such as mobile phones have been sourced.

GIFT has been supported by the generosity of outside agencies such as Wellesbourne Lions.

The blessing of GIFT, together with church members and outside agencies, has made a difference, with at least one recipient being provided with almost everything required to set up a home from scratch.

GIFT continues to offer a warm welcome to our villages and church, a listening ear, and loving support. Thank you to the church membership and the village communities for their support and contributions.

***Lesley Turner***  
***On behalf of the GIFT volunteers***

## **Gift – Refugee support.**

Several more refugee families have moved into Temple Herdewyke village. GIFT has provided support by coordinating donations of clothing and domestic items to meet specific needs and arranged Foodbank support where required.

Priority has been given to building relationships with the families in order to determine needs to be met and those which GIFT are able to support with.

Together with the MoD Kineton Welfare Officer, Pauline Finan, we've continued to develop the LINK Community centre to house donations that help settle families as they arrive. This has worked very well and has enabled GIFT to invite families to come and choose items as required as well attempting to fulfil specific needs.

Thanks goes especially to Lesley Turner for coordinating requests and arrival of donations from Kineton and the local area, and also to Natalie Gist, local councillor of Avon Dassett who coordinated a van load of local donations too. Likewise, there are a number of local people who have been in direct contact wishing to help and provide various items of need.

Matthew continues to represent GIFT in a regular meeting with the local authority and all supporting agencies to coordinate support between ourselves. This has helped to plan support for other families as they found homes in Temple Herdewyke, numbering seven households at its peak.

Given the number of refugee families in Temple Herdewyke towards the end of 2024, and having consulted them as a group, we realised that there was a desire to meet together. Subsequently we held a Christmas party at the LINK centre for the families and their children which was well supported.

By the end of 2024, two families arranged to find accommodation elsewhere and others were exploring different options likely to take place in early 2025. Matthew continues to support the local council run meetings.

***Matthew  
Rev'd Matthew Arnold (Curate)***

# THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ & BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY COURSE 2024-25



In 2024, The Bereavement Café (BC) has continued to meet weekly on Monday afternoons at the Kineton Scout Hall according to the school termly calendar dates. It has been a significant year of continued development, trying out new ideas, re-establishing an approach to each café meeting which accords within a set theme, offering and running the Bereavement Journey course twice and developing a more formal sub-committee to handle the administration of this small group. The café continues to be well supported, regularly numbering around fifteen guests. Those who attend frequently speak of their love for the café, care for one another and what they are able to learn from each other as people process their grief.

It was a delight and with great thanks to local artist, Keith Newall, that the café theme centred for three terms around the art project 'Darkness into Light' whereby we created as a group a three-dimensional model railway line emerging from a dark tunnel into the light of a landscape. Everyone was invited to create and model a carriage that represented their personal bereavement journey. Keith afforded us vision, inspiration and encouragement, and it was a tremendously bonding experience for those who share together in their grief, and also a significant achievement. Plans for 2025 include a display in St. Peters and to for the artwork to be used as a promotional piece to raise awareness of the work of the BC.



During the latter part of the year, the BC returned to a programme of themed meetings allowing for tea, coffee and general discussion before a topic would be introduced along with discussion in both small groups and plenary. We have invited feedback and consultation from the group to determine the themes that we cover, and it has led to people sharing their own experience and skills for the benefit of the group. The themed cafés have been well received, and we continue through 2025 to develop on what we have covered before, and newly inspired ideas.

We ran the Bereavement Journey twice in 2024, once during the summer term, ahead of the Bereavement Café during the day in the Scout Hall, and once in the autumn during the evening at Kineton Primary School. There had been a number of enquiries following the summer daytime offering for an evening provision and the new provision was well attended (10) with a similar number of guests coming to the daytime offering too.

The BC has a very committed group of volunteers who support, administer and organise all matters relating. Thanks go especially to Sara Holloran, Ann Hall, Sue Fell, Jacque Williams and Abi Chapleo. We were so pleased to welcome Sally Jackson to the team in the latter part of 2024 which has been a great benefit to us as a team too; thank you to Sally also. We now function as a sub-committee of the PCC for the BC and its related activities. Implementing requirements according to Safer Recruitment & Safeguarding policy have been a priority and actions relating to these will be implemented during early 2025.

This small group offers at its core a service to its community and is enabled through the mission of St. Peter's and other donations. It is wonderful to be a part of and our focus in 2025 will be on developing new themes for the BC that develop our offering further and continuing to make the Bereavement Journey available at least twice a year depending on uptake.

With great thanks once again to our volunteers that make this group possible and on behalf of us all,

***Matthew Arnold***

## **Village Lunch**

We usually serve about 20 people and the highest number has been 25. In December we introduced a few new features. We now follow the bread and soup with cake and entertainment. In December we enjoyed a visit from the school choir who came to sing Christmas songs and carols. In subsequent months we have played Bingo and simple card games.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the running of the Village Lunch. Those who make soup, set up chairs and tables, lay tables, serve food, provide floral decoration for the tables, and come along and chat, all contributing to a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



The Village Lunch is becoming a valued meeting place especially, but not exclusively, for those who live alone and for whom a shared meal is a pleasure. With that in mind, I would like to encourage you to come along, it makes a nice break in the day if you are working from home. Also, bring the Village Lunch to the attention of any friends and neighbours that you think would enjoy it and come with them if you can.

***Alison Abbott***

## World Mission Team 2025

In the last year the team has not met frequently, but we have made a few developments and been responsible for suggesting to PCC how our mission giving funds should be distributed. This year we have made donations using funds carried forward from previous years to the following organisations:

Eco-Workshop; Tools with a Mission (TWAM); Friends of Ibba Girls School, South Sudan, where we continue to support teacher Yianne; Farming Community Network (FCN), Embrace the Middle East, Mother's Union Coventry diocese for its Away From It All holidays and to Kabiye archdeaconry in Kenya. A presentation about the work each of these was made during a morning service.

In addition to a financial donation, some members of the congregation have also been knitting hats for FCN. The idea came from Mother's Union who had joined in an FCN campaign to knit hats and scarves using British wool. A label which has the FCN helpline number on is then sewn into them before they are given to farmers. We have so far sent 5 hats, but more are in the making.

We have continued to try and grow our involvement with the Diocesan Companionship Links scheme. We were able to send a financial donation to our link archdeaconry called Kabiye, in the Kapsabet diocese of Kenya and the funds have been used to make small grants to help 10 young people to continue with their secondary school education. We will look forward to further developing the links there.

We are a very small group and would welcome new members who have an interest in finding out more about projects in the UK and overseas and sharing what is happening with the St. Peter's family.

*Mel Dowden*

## Mothers' Union Report 2025

The Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation supporting families worldwide. Membership is open to anyone, not just mothers! Although we no longer have a "branch" of the Mother's Union (MU) here at St. Peter's, many have continued our membership of MU as diocesan members, and we are continuing to enrol new members.



MU members play an active role in the life of St. Peter's church and in many of its various ministries. We have also met socially and have taken part in the following MU initiatives.

- Prayer – All the work of MU is underpinned by prayer!
- Support for the village toddler group by serving refreshments.
- Support at the Simply Play group
- Social gathering for a meal at Park Farm, where new members were enrolled
- Knitting hats for farmers with the Farming Community Network helpline number sewn in
- Continued our links with an MU branch in Nova Scotia, Canada

If you are interested in finding out more about Mother's Union please speak to Sue Fell, Elizabeth Beaumont, or Melanie Dowden.

**Mel Dowden**

## Schools Report 2024-2025

Within this school year, St Peter's Church has supported Kineton Primary School in a number of ways.

**Collective Worship** – Each Wednesday, either Liz, Barry, Matthew, Alison, or St. Peter's Players visit KPS to provide Collective Worship for all ages. These assembly times tie into the school's values and mission statement. Sessions include songs,



prayers, a talk and a time of reflection. During the Autumn term, Liz organised St. Peter's Players to perform Bible stories on a regular basis. These times of Collective Worship are a real favourite with the staff and students. We have once-termly services in church.

**After-School Clubs** – Simply Sing was a popular after-school club with around 30 children on role. An average of 20 children participated weekly. Liz, Katie and Judy led a variety of activities, which included singing, games, drama, puppets and storytelling. The children especially enjoyed chocolate biscuits and sharing their news. We stopped Simply Sing in the spring term, to focus instead on a school choir. This provides more opportunities to engage parents in concerts and performances in the church.



**Playgroup Services** - Once a term, we hold a short service for the playgroup children and their leaders. This lasts about 20 minutes and is an interactive experience for the children to engage with a simple story or Bible-based message.

**Foundation governors** – Three key members of our congregation serve as foundation governors, taking on key roles in supporting our school

**Liz Host Elofson**

# Eco Church Steering Group Report

We had a big push to get our Silver Eco Church award as the survey was changing at the start of 2025, so we worked hard to get answers to many of the questions we were still unsure about and reinstated the Environmental hints in the notices as part of this.



We received notice that we had achieved our Silver Award in November 2024.

We have had lots of discussions about the community garden. It was agreed by PCC but needs to go back there in view of potential challenges which are stalling progress. Abi, Katie and Liz also went to visit the Moreton Morrell Pocket Park to see what they had done in case there is a suitable site at Kineton for something similar.

The current Steering Group members (2025) are:

Abi Chapleo	Katie Hartless Rose	Beren Hartless	Tracy Bainton
Alison Abbott	Liz Host Elofson	Anmarie Landi	Alex Gunn

**Katie Hartless Rose**

## *Growing Community Ministries*

*We want to grow in our love and care for one another and we want our love and hospitality to overflow to the wider village community. We help one another to build stronger friendships and make new ones through many different activities and events.*



## **Growing Community Events 2024-25**

The Growing Community Team organise a calendar of social events and activities that help to make new friendships in our community.

During the year there were a number of events designed to bring everyone together.

### **Divertimento**

We organised the refreshments the Divertimento choir concert in December 2024 where we enjoyed festive music and money was raised for GIFT.

### **Carols in Market Square**

Carols in Market Square in December 2024, was a great evening and everyone had a wonderful time with singing, warm mince pies and mulled wine





### **Curry Nights**

We had ladies' and blokes' curry nights again this year. The ladies led the charge, with over 50 in attendance. Everyone had a great time on both evenings, and we set the world to rights over great food and with excellent company.

### **Lunches, Cheese and Wine, and Mince Pies at the Vicarage**

There have been several big lunches at the vicarage over the year. And some social events with the parents from The Simply Play toddler group. These events bring together different groups within the church and sometimes the whole church. Everyone has a lot of fun and there is a big mix of people that get involved.



### **Games evenings**



We run board games evenings once or twice term at KSSC, this brings together lots of different people from the village and surrounding areas and often their visiting friends and family members that have enjoyed an evening of board games.

### **Harvest Brunch**

Instead of a supper we tried a bring-and-share brunch as part of one of our 'Table' services.



### **Victorian Evening singing**

We had a stall and sung some carols at the Victorian Evening in November 2024. Everyone had a great time, and the evening brings the community together.

*Charlotte Wheeler*

### **Outlook**



Outlook is a great publication in the community which helps communicate the churches messages and activities to the parish and provides a forum that helps bring the wider community of the village together. There are a huge number of people involved from those who produce articles, design adverts, edit each edition, find the advertisers (who fund Outlook's production), and distribute it through the village each month.

Beverly Wright has continued to do a marvellous job as the editor of the magazine. And Gayle Burch has done a fantastic job at getting the advertisers and sorting out the layout of the advertising pages. The distribution team involves over 30 people from the village and Alex Gunn does a great job in organising them.

Thank you to everyone who writes, collates material, edits, and distributes the magazine. It takes a great team effort to produce and distribute Outlook.

**Barry Jackson**

## Meeting Point Coffee Morning 24-25

Coffee Morning continues to meet on a Thursday morning, Term Time at St Peter's Church between 9am - 11am, and this year we were delighted to be able to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Coffee Morning on 9th January. I started Coffee Morning on the first Thursday of 2005 and wasn't sure how it would go, if people would come along.



The thought had come to me in the Autumn of 2004 that it would be lovely if we could welcome people into Church mid-week to be able to chat over coffee and cake, make new friendships and be place of welcome.

Those 20 years really do seem to have flown by, and what a wonderful journey it has been and continues to be. We've met some lovely people over the years and enjoy seeing people

regularly come along for a cup of coffee and a good chat.

I'm really grateful for the help with Coffee Morning from Tracy, Jill, Alex, Lesley, Mary and Pat, and for running it when I'm away.

***We support various local charities with the funds raised at Coffee Morning and over the 20 years have donated over £18,000.00!!***

Meeting Point was also the Kineton Warm Hub for the Winter of 2023-24.

**Sally Stanton**

# *Becoming Ministries*

*Helping one another to become the people that God calls us to be.*

## **Home Groups Report for the APCM 2025**

**Group Leaders: Chris Cartwright; Barry and Sarah Jackson, Sally Stanton; Katie Hartless Rose; Judy and Pete Ashton**

**Groups Coordinator: Pete Ashton**

Each Home Group meets weekly, providing a safe environment for Christians of all ages to have fun, grow in faith, increase their confidence in participating in prayer, worship, and Bible study, and to be nurtured through mutual fellowship and accountability.

- Groups meet weekly through most of the year on; Monday evening (two groups), Wednesday afternoon, Thursday evening and a Friday morning prayer group.
- There are four groups, with a total membership of about 50
- Most of the time, groups choose their own programme, but at certain times all the groups follow a similar programme to promote growth and cohesion across the church
- Many find being connected regularly with others supportive, encouraging and helps them thrive.
- Groups have followed a wide variety of study materials and books
- Groups take on projects such as leading outreach or social action programmes

If you want to join a group, contact Pete Ashton in person or by email on [pete.h.ashton@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.h.ashton@btinternet.com) or by telephone on 01926 640981

***Pete Ashton***

## **Exploring Faith 1 to 1**

**Ministry Leader** – Beren Hartless

Over the past year, I have worked with one person who has completed a weekly hour studying the Bible and asking questions about the Christian faith, and I am working with one other person to look at theological questions that interest him.

We welcome inquiries from anyone who would like to meet on a regular basis for a year with one of our trained mentors to look at questions you have about life, faith, prayer and the Bible, as well as be encouraged to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

## **Guided Reflection**

**Ministry Leader** – Beren Hartless

The Guided reflection process has been designed to help people to stand back and examine their life, faith, ministries, work, etc. For those that would like to 'take stock,' this process offers an opportunity to meet with one of our trained Guides to help them reflect on where they are with God, what they are doing in ministry and work, how they are connected in community, what spiritual gifts they have and how they are using them etc. This could be a one-off meeting, but we expect that people will find it helpful to pause for a reflection like this every year or two.

We encourage all our leaders to take advantage of this opportunity to reflect on your ministry.

***Ministry Leader – Beren Hartless***

# St Peter's Vision & Values

## Vision

Being a Christian is about following Jesus; drawing close to him, learning from him, and serving like he served, all as part of a Christian community. As we do this together, we grow to realise more of our potential, we never arrive, but we can always get closer to who we could be. So, simply stated, the vision of St Peter's is:

### **Becoming the people God calls us to be.**

And we aim to help one another do that by focussing on the things we see the church doing in the Bible;  
Loving God, Serving People and Growing Community



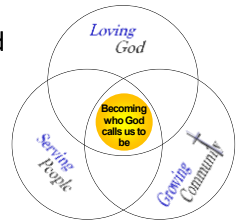
### **Loving God**

We want to help one another experience the love and power of God, growing in our awareness of His love for us and learning to take time just to be with him.

We also want to help one another learn more about God; the history of his interaction with humanity, the richness of our inheritance in the Bible, the guidance he has given and still gives today and more.

### **Serving People**

We aim to help one another identify and develop our gifts and talents and enable each of us to serve where God is calling us to make a difference. We work together to identify the needs of the people in our village to find ways that we can help.



### **Growing Community**

We work on being a community where relationships are real and supportive, where all are welcomed and can feel at home as part of our church family. We want to grow in our love for one another as a community and we want that love and hospitality to overflow to the wider village community.

### **Becoming who God calls us to be.**

We believe if we focus on growing the church in these areas then we'll provide the right environment for making new disciples, helping every member to grow in faith, in service and in belonging. Together becoming the people that God calls us to be.

# Values

Our values are like a 'highway code' by which we all journey together and hopefully avoid accidents, or road rage!



We feel that the guidance St Paul gave the church in Colossae outlines a set of values to which we aspire. We do not always get it right, but they are a good target for which to aim:



*“... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one*

*another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*  
(Colossians 3:12-17)



# St Peter's Community

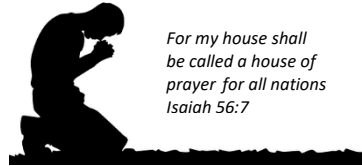
We believe God's plan for changing our world involves him helping people (through all their highs and lows, joys and sorrows, happiness, sadness, anger, and grief) to become all that he calls them to be. And, whilst on their own journey, they offer help to others to do the same.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us on our journey. We all have a part to play in helping one another and in sharing the love of God with our community and the wider world.



The numerous reports shared in the preceding pages demonstrate our commitment to supporting individuals on their journey in 'Loving God,' 'Serving People,' 'Growing Community,' and 'Becoming.'

We surround all that we do with prayer, and we hope that St Peter's community will grow to become a house of prayer and blessing.



*For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations  
Isaiah 56:7*

**We are all individuals and will all relate to things differently. However, you choose to journey with us, you are welcome to engage with as much, or as little of this as you like.**

Jesus said that he came that we may have life and have it abundantly. Our prayer for you as you join us on our journey is that you would find your life overflowing with the abundant love of God and that you would know eternal life as something beautiful that starts now in this life and goes on for ever.

God bless you,

***St Peter's Leadership Team***



# *Resourcing Ministries*

The 'Resourcing Ministries' and the teams that oversee and underpin all that we do in our church. Looking at vision, values, policies, procedures, fabric, finance, safeguarding and more. We are very grateful to these teams for all that they do in the life of our church.

## **Core Team**

### **Clergy**

#### **Vicar**

Rev Barry Jackson

Tel: 01926 640248

#### **Curates**

Rev Alison Abbott

Tel: 07923 442970

Rev Matthew Arnold

Tel: 01926 642076

#### **Associate Minister (part-time)**

Rev Dr Beren Hartless

Tel: 07766 086130

### **Readers**

Peter Ashton

Tel: 01926 640981

Lesley Turner

Tel: 07803 055018

### **Churchwardens**

Nicholas and Alex Gunn

Tel: 01926 642589

Melanie Dowden

Tel: 01926 641417

### **Children and Families Worker (part time)**

Liz Host Elofson

Tel: 07375 122501

### **Administrator (part time)**

Katie Hartless Rose

Tel: 01926 641401

# **PCC report for 2024**

## ***PCC Membership***

Vicar: Rev Barry Jackson

Associate Minister: Rev Dr Beren Hartless

Curates: Rev Alison Abbott, and Rev Matthew Arnold

Churchwardens: Nicholas Gunn, Alexandra Gunn, and Melanie Dowden

Treasurer: Mike Trotman

Online access to bank accounts: Nicholas Gunn

Lay Deanery Synod Reps: Pete Ashton, Peter Dunn, KT Hartless

Lay Chair: Peter Dunn

PCC Secretary: Alexandra Gunn (and minute secretary)

Other elected members: Liz Host-Elofson, Fiona Penson, Charlotte Wheeler, Michael Lawrence

In attendance at some meetings: Tracy Bainton (Safeguarding Officer)

The PCC met four times in person since the last APCM and conducted other business via email. Every year, one-third of the elected PCC reach the end of their three-year term and step down; the three vacant positions are then available to those on the electoral roll for election.

The PCC regularly receives reports from officers or leaders of individual activities and ministries (such as the Ministry Leadership Team).

During the year, the main themes of business discussed by the PCC were:

- Safeguarding – A key focus remains to ensure that all those who require Safeguarding training because of their role have had that training, or are planned to have it, and that they are trained to the appropriate level.
- Discussed and noted debates on significant matters at General Synod, and in relation to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Prayers of Love and Faith proposals for blessing same sex marriages. The PCC voted in favour of using them when they become available.
- Church Fabric and Maintenance: - Please refer to the Fabric Report.

Several other individual items of business were also discussed, which are detailed in the full PCC minutes.

***Peter Dunn on behalf of the PCC***

## **Ministry Leadership Team Report**

The ministry leadership team (MLT) is a collaborative team of lay and ordained people, working together, under the authority of the PCC, to lead, envision, enable and release all people for mission & ministry in the whole of life, through the local church.

The MLT is there to:

- Listen to and discern God's will for the ministry and mission of the local church.
- Enable Christians in the community to identify, resource, and develop their ministry.
- Develop sustainable patterns of ministry to support God's mission in the world.

We meet approximately every two months. During the last year we have contributed to the planning of ministry, including discussing and planning various courses such as Explore, Follow, Living Well and SHAPE, not all of which we've run. We have also planned a discipleship day in September.

We have also taken the time to support the people in our church in various ways, recognising that we are now part of a larger group of 11 parishes.

The current MLT members (2025) are:

Barry Jackson  
Judy Ashton  
Peter Ashton  
Melanie Dowden

Lesley Turner  
Alison Abbott  
Matthew Arnold  
Beren Hartless (Chair)

***Beren Hartless – May 2025***

## **Fabric report**

During the year we have carried out the usual, annual maintenance to the building; this has

included:

- Fire extinguisher maintenance - (Safelincs Nov 24)
- PAT testing of electrical items (Terri Hawkins Nov 24)
- Boiler maintenance (Knight-Errant July 24)
- Clock Maintenance (Cumbria Clocks July 24)

We had an arboriculturist survey all the trees in the churchyard in November and provide a schedule of works; we are currently applying for work to be done to several lime trees.

Many thanks to Steve Keep for his help: On the roof we cleared gutters and gullies, replaced several broken slates, sealed splits in some lead, and repointed some lead flashing. Inside church we repaired a couple of areas of the floor in the north transept.

We are very grateful to the Keep Kineton Beautiful team that have helped with path edges, brambles, epicormic growth, ivy and shrub clipping.

A huge thank you to Tony Thorogood and Steve Gale for keeping the churchyard in such a wonderful condition, and also for looking after the mower.

We received the faculty for the repairs to the vestry roof in November. The favoured contractor started work in March, and hopefully this will be completed by the end of May.

***Alex & Nick Gunn***

## **APCM Safeguarding Report 2024/2025**

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and commitment to updating DBS requirements and Safeguarding training so that St Peter's Church Kineton remains as far as is possible a safe place to be and compliant with the Church of England Safeguarding policies and procedures.

I am mindful that many of those who support Church ministries, and the wider community are unpaid volunteers, and it is time consuming and takes true commitment to ensure that these requirements are continually updated.

We have come a long way over the last four years in 'putting our house in order' from a safeguarding point of view and it is a privilege to be part of such a forward thinking and active Church family.

Unfortunately for many safeguarding is synonymous with unhelpful obstacles to mission and ministry. There is often a disconnect that exists where the church is at risk of having forgotten that Jesus called us to love one another, and that this means we need to do better in protecting each other and advocating for each other. We can call this Safeguarding or the right thing to do. The words used do not really matter as it is our mission. The Bible provides us with much guidance about how to safeguard others

(John 4.1-40; Matt 23.1-36; Rom 15.1-2; Phil 2.3-4) these are just a few examples. The examples provided by Jesus make the case for the reframing of safeguarding as an issue close to God's heart that speaks to justice, safety, security and love for his creation. These should be hallmarks of our everyday mission and ministry not add-ons or peripheral activities. Safeguarding is a mission and therefore actions the Church takes need to ensure a safer culture by seeking to be all-inclusive, promote the welfare of everyone, and protect those at risk by preventing the opportunity for any form of abuse to occur.

The Church of England has published two documents which underpin the Safeguarding policy and procedures adopted and implemented by St Peter's Church.

'Promoting a Safer Church'  
'Parish Safeguarding handbook'  
(The Church of England House of Bishops)

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team supports this work via their website:

<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/safeguarding>

This website contains all of the documents and paperwork required for compliance with and implementation of The Church of England policies and procedures.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Church family for all their enthusiasm and support in helping to implement and follow Safeguarding policy and procedures.

It is reassuring to know we are all aiming to promote a safer church and community. Thank you.

***Tracy Bainton: Parish Safeguarding Officer.***

## **Electoral Roll Report 2024/25**

Every six years we have had a complete revision of the electoral roll (everyone who was on the roll is removed and people have to re-register) and this is one of those years. We've trialled both paper forms and electronic ones via iKnow.

Over the last six years there are 18 people who are no longer with us, have moved away, are in a home, or who have sadly died. As is typical on a revision, people have been slow to getting round to registering again, and a quick survey this last week showed that there are over 20 people that intend to register but have not done so in time for the APCM.

Until those people register, the electoral roll stands at 85

***Katie Hartless Rose***

# Statutory Requirements and Financial Report

St Peter's Parochial Church Council, Kineton

Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administration details:

Charity name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Kineton.

Registered Charity Number: 1173954

## Charity's principal address

St Peter's Church, Warwick Road, Kineton, Warwick, CV35 0HN. It is part of the Diocese of Coventry within the Church of England

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Warwick Road, Kineton, Warwick, CV35 0HW.

## Names of the Charity Trustees (PCC Members) who manage the charity:

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2024 until the date of this report was approved are:

Incumbent	Reverend Barry Jackson	
Curate	Reverend Alison Abbott	
Curate	Rev Matthew Arnold	
Associate Minister	Reverend Dr Beren Hartless	
Church Warden	Melanie Dowden	
Church Wardens (Fabric)	Nick Gunn	
Secretary to the PCC	Alex Gunn	
Treasurer	Michael Trotman/ Michael Lawrence	
Bookkeeper	Katie Hartless Rose	
Lay Chair/ Deanery Synod	Peter Dunn	
Deanery Synod	Peter Ashton	
Elected Members / Deanery Synod	Katie Hartless Rose	
Elected Members	Liz Host	
	Michael Lawrence	
	Fiona Penson	
	Charlotte Wheeler	
	Tim Walker	Resigned Dec 2024

Election of a PCC/deanery synod member is for three years (or less if replacing someone who has retired early).

Election of churchwardens takes place annually.

Three places are due for election.

**Bank- HSBC, 13 Chapel Street, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6ET.**

**Independent Examiner - J Synge FCMA, Lockwood House, Shepherd's Place, Kineton, Warwick, CV35 0NS**

**Structure, governance and management.**

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is also a registered charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation rules.

All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. PCC members are fully briefed on current PCC issues at the first meeting of the new PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Given its wide responsibility has delegated responsibility for various aspects of parish life to sub-committees. These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach, fabric and finance, foodbank, and Bereavement Café are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it at regular intervals so that their activities can be discussed as necessary by the full PCC.

The PCC met four times in person since the last APCM and conducted other business via email.

The PCC has reviewed the risks facing the church, including types of risk, potential impact on the church and means of mitigating these risks. Systems and procedures have been put in place to mitigate identifiable risks, and the PCC will continue to review risks on an on-going basis.

The PCC is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the church and its incoming resources and the application of those resources for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements the PCC will select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently and will make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

The PCC is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records and for safeguarding the assets of the church.

## **Standing Committee**

The committee consisted of the Rev Barry Jackson, the churchwardens, and the treasurer.

The committee has the authority to transact the business of the PCC and tend to meet one or two weeks before PCC meetings.

## **Aim and purposes.**

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. The PCC acts in co-operation with our incumbent the Reverend Barry Jackson in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

## **Objectives and activities**

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

- a) worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- b) provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- c) missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain and improve the fabric of the church to meet the needs of present and future generations.

## **Achievements and performance**

We hope you have enjoyed reading about these in the preceding pages.

## **Volunteers**

So many people in the church contribute to the ministry of the church in time and money, and the only way that we are able to do the things we do is through the efforts of the church members. So, thank you to all of you for your ministry here.

## Financial Review

The accounts for the year are divided into "restricted" and "unrestricted" income. Restricted income is money given for specific purposes and can only be used for that (for example money given for the restoration projects).

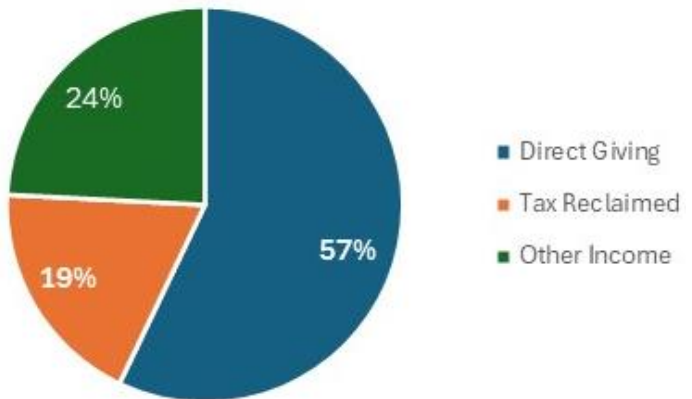
Unrestricted income is what is given for the regular ministry of the church. Our budgets for the year anticipated a deficit on our unrestricted funds and it was anticipated that we would need to access our prior year reserves to meet this. However, we actually finished the year with a surplus and give thanks to the Lord for His provision.

unrestricted £	2024	2023	2022	2021
Income	79,677	72,643	59,840	55,857
Expenditure	79,181	77,637	65,730	63,648
<b>Surplus</b>	496	-4,994	-5,890	-7,791

The majority of our regular income comes directly from our church members, together with the associated gift aid tax reclaimed on this giving. We are extremely grateful to all those who give so generously.

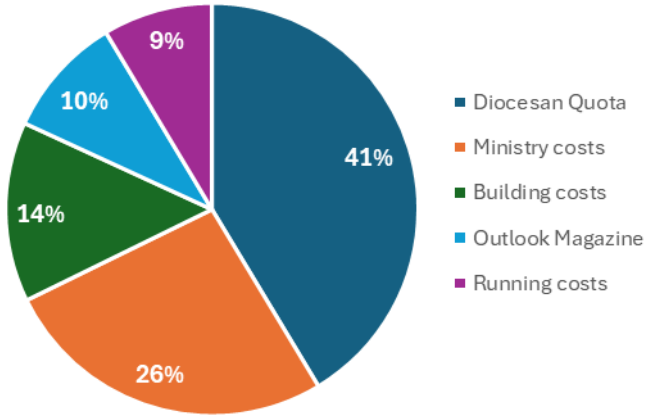
There is also a small amount of income from wedding and funeral fees.

## Regular Income



The following chart shows how the money is spent.

## Regular Expenditure



### Diocesan Quota

This is our share of the costs of ministry in the Coventry Diocese, and includes the cost of training, housing, stipend, NI, pension, and central costs of the vicar and curate.

### Building Costs

This covers the costs of our building and equipment, including maintenance, repairs, heating, lighting, and insurance.

### Running costs

This covers the cost of admin salaries plus associated costs of the parish office.

### Magazine

This is the cost of printing the parish magazine. The magazine is produced ten times a year and is distributed free to every house in the parish.

### Ministry costs

This covers the cost of clergy expenses and service costs together with contributions to the costs of children's and youth work, adult discipleship and outreach, community work and training costs.

### Reserves and Cash Flow

The PCC held free reserves of £25,638 on 31 December 2024: this equates to 3+ months' unrestricted payments.