Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council of St Peter, The Hydneye, Eastbourne

For the year ended 31st December 2019

**Banks:**

Nat West

Brassey Avenue

Hampden Park

Eastbourne

East Sussex

**Independent Examiner:**

Mr Phil Johnson

88 Dillingburgh Road

Eastbourne

East Sussex

# Aims and Purposes

St. Peter’s PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the parish priest, Fr Adam Ransom, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also specifically responsible for the church building and the church hall.

# Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling the whole community to find faith in Jesus Christ and to worship him in church. The PCC, along with the priest-in-charge, maintain an overview of the worshipping life of the parish and seek to work with the parish of St Mary, Hampden Park, to constantly review the provision of worship to the benefice. All our services aim to put our faith into practice through music, prayer, scripture and sacrament.

In obedience to God’s Mission we seek to help ordinary people in the parish live out their faith. We encourage worship and prayer, increasing understanding of scripture and deepening relationships with Jesus. We seek to provide pastoral care to those in the church and wider parish community. We hope to reach others through missional and evangelistic activity.

# Achievements and Performance

The PCC would like to note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic that has affected our lives so much in 2020, including the preparation of this report, the following is not as full a reflection upon the life of our church in 2019. We hope that it will at least provide a flavour of what happened.

**Worship and Prayer**

Our pattern of worship remained broadly similar to last year, however, after successfully gathering for morning prayer during ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ in May we introduced Morning Prayer daily Monday-Saturday with Evening Prayer on Sundays. This complemented the Evening Prayer taking place over at St Mary, Hampden Park, which enabled our joint benefice to provide the daily office in church. Morning Prayer at St Peter has been attended by 2 or 3 parishioners with similar on a Sunday Evening.

Our usual Sunday attendance over the year was 22 adults and 1 child; we baptised 2 babies, had no weddings and carried out 2 funerals.

The Ministry Team continued to meet monthly and provide an All Age Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month, which on occasions attracted baptism and toddler group families to worship alongside the regular congregation.

At Christmas and Easter we were well attended and had a number of special services across the year including our patronal festival, which was celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Reade and followed by a party.

Our small but wonderful choir continued to meet for practice on Friday Evenings and provide the benefit of their voices for worship throughout the year. The PCC wishes to thank Jill Bell for her dedication in keeping this important part of our worshipping life alive.

We held a lent course as well as a monthly bible study led by Fr Adam, which was open to all comers, to help broaden our understanding of the faith and scriptures.

Following a complete revision of the Electoral Roll in March as per Church Representation Rules guidelines we had 29 people on the electoral roll. Of those 25 live in the parish and 4 reside without.

**Deanery Synod**

Our PCC engaged with the Deanery Synod, which helped us to connect to the wider Church of England structure and with our neighbouring parishes. From April onwards Jill Bell was our Sole Deanery Synod Representative following the resignation of Astra Savage at the APCM. The PCC thanks Astra and Jill for their service in attending these meetings and reporting back to the PCC on the business conducted.

**The Church and Hall**

In order to serve the community and to raise funds to meet our financial obligations we rely on our church and hall building to be maintained to a good state of repair. During the year of 2019 our Churchwardens have been instrumental in co-ordinating the constant review and repair of the fabric of the building.

There have been a number of minor repairs to various parts of the building as guided by our Quinquennial report (2017) and observation. We are blessed with a mostly sound building, which houses both our worshipping community and community groups and parties.

Our hall was hired out to several groups including an art club, friendship group, bingo, dance classes and a music and movement group for toddlers. The most important new addition to the hall was a stay and play toddler group on a Tuesday Morning run by the PCC. Volunteers and Father Adam had the joy of welcoming pre-school children and their adults for fun and games, refreshments, songs in the church and a closing prayer.

Various social and fundraising events took place including a summer fair on the eve of our patronal festival.

**Pastoral Care**

We have striven to be there for those who need pastoral care in the parish. This has included visiting the sick at home and providing home-communion, providing care at the time of a funeral and visiting care homes in the benefice. The PCC would like to thank all lay ministers of communion for their work as well as deacon Joan Mann for her care and pastoral provision to the residents of Inglewood Nursing Home.

**Mission and Evangelism**

Over the year we undertook a few missional activities. We supported Family Support Work through donations of food and collections to help their vital work with low income families in Eastbourne. We also supported the Eastbourne Foodbank through food donations and a retiring collection at our Harvest Festival as well as a joint Lent appeal with St Mary which raised £439.21.

We also took part with St Mary in ashes to go on the parade on Ash Wednesday, an act of witness in the park on Good Friday and carol singing in local nursing homes and on the parade outside the shops.

# Financial Review

In presenting these accounts to you, I would report that 2019 was a good year financially for general income on both the Church and the Community Centre. However, expenses were rather more than the previous year, so we have ended the year with a loss on the final accounts of 13359.

The total church income for the year was £28034.00. This amount includes stewardship giving, Sunday cash collections, gift aid, donations, all fund-raising events, funds received for restricted purposes, fees to the PCC and interest from the National Westminster Bank. Also included is the income received for the hire of the Community Centre.

The major events held to raise funds the Summer Fair, Tea Dances and the Harvest Lunch were all well attended. The total income from these activities was £578.00.

What has supported the total income in the accounts and does so each year, is the bookings received from the hire of the Church Community Centre, which was £13337.00. This includes a £2000 grant received from Eastbourne Borough Council, which helped to pay for a new carpet fitted in the Community Centre during the year.

The major outgoing expense in 2019 was the Parish Contribution of £14286.00. This is a huge sum to find and is paid to the Diocese. This sum is agreed annually with the Deanery Finance Committee. We are now responsible for paying the insurance premium on the church building and its contents directly to the insurance company, rather than the Diocese.

The increased costs for Church running expenses and costs of services was due to the purchase of a new Loop System. Also, a new Player Unit for church music and hymns, as the previous unit had been borrowed on a temporary basis from another church.

On the Community Centre Account we made a profit of £8090.00. £8000.00 was transferred to the Church Account during the year.

The total cash assets for St Peter's Church at 31st December 2019 was £30800.00. This includes 14529.00 Church current account, £6115.00 Community Centre account, and £7.00 petty cash. We have £20149.00 in the National Westminster Reserve account. £4539.00 of that sum is allocated to the Restricted Funds.

My thanks to all who help me in the task of accounting, banking, and bookkeeping. Particularly to Churchwarden Jill who has supported me throughout the past year. Also to Joan Weise for keeping the records for stewardship and Gift Aid. My thanks also to Joan Woolley who looks after the bookings of the Church Community Centre.

The Church and Community Centre accounts have been examined by Mr Phillip Johnson, who has found them to be correct with the Charity Act rules. The accounts were approved by members of the PCC in June 2020.

Rev’d Joan Mann

Parish Treasurer

# Reserves Policy

As per charity commission rules we have a reserve policy which allows us to keep a certain amount of money for the administration and running of our PCC and buildings. Where possible we will hold a reserve in our bank account. The figures agreed upon are as follows:

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| Parish Contribution -3 months recommended | 3075.00 |
| St Mary's Expenses - Printing/photocopies/paper -3 months | 450.00 |
| Clergy Expenses/Church Running Expenses -3 months | 1250.00 |
| Mission/Church Expenses -3 months | 300.00 |
| Restricted Funds | 4539.00 |
| Future Repairs to Buildings (Roof) | 5000.00 |
| Parish Insurance due December | 1000.00 |
| TOTAL | 1,15614.00 |

# Volunteers

The PCC wishes to thank all those who have volunteered in any way over the course of the year in helping keep things running.

In particular it wishes to thank Jill Bell for her tireless work as warden over the majority of the year of 2019 and Richard Stevens and Doreen French for their assistance.

The PCC also would like to thank Deacon Joan for her work as treasurer, Beryl Padfield for maintaining the electoral roll, Yvonne Wright for staying on top of safeguarding, and Joan Woolley for hall booking administration. Also, many thanks to Chris and Sandra Palmer for their work in making the grounds at the front of the church look so wonderful.

The PCC wishes to thank Astra and Angie for their dedication in setting up and tidying away after the toddler group week by week as well as all the members of the congregation who volunteer to make it a success.

# Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Peter the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, churchwardens, elected and co-opted members. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and those who are confirmed are encouraged stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. All members are made aware of their obligations as Charity Trustees and their responsibility to uphold safeguarding practices.

The PCC meets no less than once every three months plus holds an Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

# Administrative Information

St Peter’s Church is situated in The Hydneye, East Hampden Park, Eastbourne. It is part of the Diocese of Chichester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Benefice Office, 69 Decoy Drive, Eastbourne, BN22 9PP. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2019 until the 31st December 2019

Priest in Charge and Chair: The Revd Adam Ransom (Ex-Officio)

Deacon and Treasurer The Revd. Joan Mann (Co-Opted)

Wardens: Astra Savage (Until April 2020) (Ex-Officio)

Doreen French (Until April 2020) (Ex-Officio)

Jill Bell (From April 2020) (Ex-Officio)

Representatives Astra Savage (Until April 2020)

of the Deanery Jill Bell

Synod

Elected Members

Derek Freeman

Daphne Freeman

Joan Woolley

Carol Jordan (Until April 2019)

Yvonne Wright

Angela Kirby

Christopher Palmer

Approved by the PCC on 26th September 2020 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Adam Ransom (PCC Chairperson):