

## St Peter's Church, Parish of Titchfield

### 2022 Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council



### Welcoming all, celebrating life, sharing the journey

#### Collect for St. Peter's Titchfield

Father God, thank you for our church and its people.  
 Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may flourish.  
 Help us to see you in everyone we meet  
 and fill our lives with your praise.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Overview of 2022 and Vice-Chair Report

I have tried to keep this report short but there is so much to feel positive about that its worth sharing some of what has been happening in 2022.

#### **Bishop's Roadmap for Portsmouth Diocese**

The Bishop completed his consultation with the deaneries in 2022 and presented his vision for the future to the November Diocesan Synod.

Building on the **Live | Pray | Serve vision** established in 2016, that vision has been supplemented by two further priorities:

- We deliberately prioritise our work with children, young people and young adults, to bring life-enhancing encounters with Jesus to a new generation.
- This priority is set in the context of the provision of Anna Chaplaincy to support older people in every parish and benefice across the diocese.

The Fareham deanery plan, used to inform the Bishop's consultation, is now a working document to help prioritise ministry in the parishes and in the deanery.

As a result of the Bishops consultation it has now been agreed that St Peter's will be able to appoint a **House for Duty priest**.

This role is for a priest working on a House for Duty basis, offering Sunday ministry and the equivalent of two days per week. They will make their home in the vicarage at Titchfield, and it is envisaged that they will engage with the community while sharing in leading worship and in

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developing our mission priorities.

#### **Moving on**

Our thanks go to Barbara Le Sueur who stepped down as Churchwarden at the APCM after 6 years in the role. Barbara has been a great servant to the church putting in many hours of work, with some of these activities still continuing. We also need to thank Helen Perry who stepped down as Vice Chair of the PCC at the APCM, Helen had taken on the role with enthusiasm and commitment. She was also the administrator for the church since 2020 having taken on the role on a temporary basis until the post could be filled. Helen has put in many hours of work along with others, helping the church to work effectively.

#### **Ministry team**

St Peter's is blessed with a great clergy team; we have Janet our Deacon, four retired Priests and a Lay Reader. During this long vacancy they have led our worship and supported so much that happens in the church. They have helped to rebuild the worshipping community since the pandemic with enthusiasm and dedication - many churches would struggle in such a long vacancy but their ministry has helped us to grow and flourish.

#### **Safeguarding**

In 2022 we built on the good foundations we had for safeguarding and established St Peter's as one of the lead parishes in the Diocese. This is due to the dedication of Jane Reid and Caryl Larkins in leading the Safeguarding process and of all the volunteers who have completed their paperwork and training. Thank you to everyone involved for your help in maintaining St Peter's as a safe place.

#### **Outreach activities**

2022 has been very positive for outreach by the church, the activities have been run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers and have drawn in a good number of people from the community. I will leave you to read the Outreach report.

#### **Volunteers at St Peter's**

In October we held a special service to give thanks for all the volunteers (110) at the church. There are so many people who take on all kinds of different roles and make the church a welcoming and prayerful place. Our thanks go to all of them and we pray that God will continue to work through all our endeavours in this church and community.

*Steven Sherwood  
Vice-Chair and Churchwarden*

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#### Worship during 2022

As some sort of 'normal' resumed, St Peter's was able to offer in-person worship from May with live streaming available to the whole church family via YouTube and St Peter's website. The skills of the team enabling this opportunity every week were greatly appreciated by all, especially those unable to attend in person but still feel included.

#### Sunday Services

**8am** Holy Communion (BCP) from September 2022

**9am** Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) in person or via live streaming. (until May 2022)

**10am** Parish Eucharist in person, plus live streaming still available (from June 2022)

#### Thursday Services

**10am** Said service of Holy Communion using an alternating pattern of liturgy using the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship

**Ash Wednesday** The Imposition of Ashes and a service of Holy Communion at St Peter's led by four of our retired clergy and shared with members of the Western Ward churches.

**Mothering Sunday** Parish Communion service led by Revd Julia Foster with flowers distributed to members of the congregation.

**Palm Sunday** began with a blessing of palm crosses at the Parish Rooms before all processed to St Peter's singing hymns and following a donkey. Revd Peter Kelly presided for the service of Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday** was an evening service, including foot washing, led by Revd Jane Richards, Revd Julia Foster and Revd Peter Kelly, and the Gethsemane Watch until midnight

**Good Friday** Members of St Peter's were joined by members of Living Word Church to share the Walk of Witness from Titchfield Abbey to St Peter's. A service to observe the final hour of Jesus' Passion took place in church. Revd Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards and Revd Julia Foster led the service.

**Easter Day** A service of the Eucharist to celebrate Easter was held in church and available online led by Revd Julia Foster and Revd Janet Trevithick. Easter Eggs were distributed after the service.

**Pentecost and Jubilee Thanksgiving** Revd Jane Richards presided at the morning service of Holy Communion. A celebration of Pentecost included prayers of thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

**Harvest Festival** was led by Revd Jane Richards and supported by West Hill Park pupils, some of whom took part in the sermon, and all shared their prayers of intercession. Members of

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the church family brought gifts of food which were donated to the Food Bank.

**Thanksgiving Service for Volunteers** was held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October. This was a special service of celebration during which thanks were expressed by Jane Reid for time and talents generously offered by volunteers at church. Coffee and cake were shared after the service and 'Thank you' cards were distributed.

**All Saints Day/All Souls Day** Both services took place on All Saints Day with a service of Holy Communion in the morning, led by Revd Jane Richards and Revd Janet Trevithick. The All Souls service was in the afternoon and led by Revd Julia Foster and Revd Jane Kennedy. Invitations to families bereaved in the previous 12 months were sent out and many were able to attend the service.

**Remembrance Sunday** The service in St Peter's was led by Revd Janet Trevithick and Revd Julia Foster and was followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the village.

**Christingle** The service in St Peter's on 11<sup>th</sup> December was led by Revd Janet Trevithick and Revd Julia Foster. This joyful service was well attended by local families who were able to construct their own Christingles and share their light in a darkened church.

**Christmas Eve** St Peter's held two services of Carols by Candlelight offered at 4pm, led by Revd Jane Richards, and at 6pm, led by Revd Janet Trevithick. Each service included a combination of bible readings and modern poetry plus carol singing and was supported by a pop-up choir formed especially for Christmas. The nativity scene was created with figures as the Christmas story was retold. More than 500 attended from the congregation, village and wider communities.

**Christmas Day** was celebrated with 8am BCP service led by Revd Peter Kelly, followed by 10am Holy Communion service led by Revd Jane Kennedy and Revd Janet Trevithick.

#### **From the registers for 2022:**

Baptisms - 14

Confirmations - None

Weddings - 15

Wedding Blessing - 3

Funerals in church - 18

Funerals at Crematoria only - 4

#### **Electoral Roll**

There were 135 people on the electoral roll at the end of 2022.

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#### **Finance Report**

The good news is that at the end of 2022 the PCC was able to pay the Parish Share for the year in full. It has not been possible to pay anything towards the under-payment of 2021.

At the beginning of the year we made the second payment towards the repointing works on the South Aisle wall. This sum came from reserves, and was the primary cause of the years deficit of £19,909 (a final payment of £988 was made in January 2023).

Otherwise, thanks to some profitable special events, income almost kept up with expenditure.

One of our congregation very kindly donated the funds which allowed the PCC to buy the donations machine which is on the table towards the back of the church. It is now showing quite regular use. It is expected that it will be most use when we have visitors or special services.

Toward the end of the year, it became clear that there was a problem in the way that invoices for weddings and funerals were being monitored and paid. Communications between the various people required to arrange and manage these events meant that some were not completely paid for which has led to a shortfall in the sequestration fund.

We have taken action to try to recover missing payments, and have had some success, but this problem seems to have existed for some time and full recovery is now realistically impossible. Consequently the PCC approved that the shortfall would be made up from the general fund.

The PCC has now introduced a database system accessible by all relevant staff, to book event details, including what is ordered, the chargeable fees, and how much has been paid. That will allow finance and administration staff to ensure that events are fully paid for in advance.

Many thanks to Paul Angelides who has managed the books and made my work much easier; to Rachel's team of money counters who each week count up and record the cash given to the church and then bank it; to our Stewardship team who manage the regular standing order credits and process gift aid for me, and last in the sequence Brian Baverstock, our Independent Examiner who has over the years put in many, many hours of work to check that the accounts presented to the PCC and then the APCM are a true and fair reflection of events.

*Martin Reid*  
*Hon. Treasurer*

#### **Charitable Giving**

- Christian Aid £332.00
- St George Foundation £322.00
- Children's Society - monies from the Christingle Service were paid directly to the charity
- Church Homeless Trust £162.00
- Bishops Lent Appeal £202.00

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**Fairtrade** The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic had some impact on support for Fairtrade, especially in the first few months of 2022.

1. There were some orders for Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars
2. Karen continued to obtain Fairtrade goods from Shop Equality for individuals until monthly stalls in church recommenced in April 2022. Takings from stalls varied. The small amount of 'Fairtrader profit' accrued was sent to Traidcraft. On advice from the Treasurer, all finances were handled by the church. Accounts for this are attached, together with all previous accounts.
3. Shop Equality, who supplied us with goods for the stall, unfortunately closed in July. This meant we were no longer able to obtain goods and run monthly stalls. It had been hoped to set up a 'Fairtrader' account with Traidcraft in order to continue supplying goods but this has not proved possible<sup>i</sup>
4. During the year, the church very helpfully supported Fairtrade by buying tea and coffee etc. from Shop Equality until the shop closed. This included items for the Welcome Cafés and coffee after services and some bakers bought Fairtrade sugar etc.

A very big 'Thank you' to people who supported Fairtrade in 2022, and loyal supporters over many years. You have made a real difference to people's lives.

*Karen Postle  
Fairtrader*

#### **Stewardship**

In 2022, the total gifting to St Peter's was £24,344.36.

- 31 people gifted using the yellow envelopes, totalling £1,538.92
- 8 people gifted £2,850.00 through brown envelopes.
- 37 people gifted £19,955.44 through the Parish Giving Scheme

Gifting via PGS benefited St Peter's by an additional £4,899.10 through gift aid which PGS can pay to St Peter's on a monthly basis.

There was also £19,276 given via standing order, and £3,003 from 'open plate'

*John Parry*

#### **Fabric Report**

2022 was a quiet year for fabric matters, the two significant activities were:

The team from the Southampton Monument & Vault Initiative carried out further work in the vault and completed a *Building Environmental Performance Assessment* of the Southampton Chapel and Sepulchre. It is the first of its kind of this 14th C Chapel and 16th C Sepulchre and will inform a holistic approach to their conservation moving forward. Further works may follow on in 2023.

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The Quinquennial inspection was carried out in December 2022 by Louise Banbridge our architect. No major issues were highlighted during the survey but the full report will be delivered in 2023. This is the last project Louise will complete for St Peters as she will retire in 2023. The PCC will need to select a replacement Architect in 2023. Louise also provided some additional information to support the heating project planned for 2023.

*Steven Sherwood  
Churchwarden*

#### **Safeguarding**

St Peter's PCC is 93% compliant with their duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

St Peter's Safeguarding Policy was reviewed by the PCC and a copy submitted to the Diocese by the due date as required. Following this APCM all of St Peter's church policies will go through their annual reviews again and updated if necessary.

During 2022 St Peter's PCC implemented the Church of England's Safeguarding Dashboard. The Dashboard is an on-line interactive tool that covers issues such as Policies, Safeguarding, Recruitment, Training, Risk Assessment, Parish Website, Social Media, Insurance, Data Protection, Clergy Vacancy, Church Activities, Safer Environments and Hire Agreements.

Responsibility for compliance lays with PCC's and incumbents however implementation is often delegated to the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). During an interregnum the Churchwardens and PSO are expected to fulfil the incumbents safeguarding responsibilities – due diligence has been given to this.

I am happy to report that St Peter's church is one of 14% of churches in the Diocese that are using and maintaining their C of E Safeguarding dashboards on a regular basis. Our small shortfall will largely be resolved through volunteers completing their training requirements (a mix of mandatory and 'good practice' modules).

At the point of writing this report all of our volunteers have been assessed using the Church of England's Safer Recruitment criteria. These checks are now carried out by our Parish DBS Administrator Caryl Larkins and I offer my sincerest thanks to her for all her support and assistance.

The Church of England's Abuse 'Past Case Review' resulted in further safeguarding recommendations and requirements being made. These have been implemented at St Peter's church.

In September three delegates from St Peter's attended the first safeguarding conference to be held in the Portsmouth diocese. The Bishops address and indeed the whole day was informative and thought provoking. It covered Survivor Support presented by organisations

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from Safe Spaces, Dementia - responding with dignity and kindness, Modern Slavery and human trafficking, unpacking Spiritual Abuse, On-line Abuse and the impact of Grooming on children. All relevant to our church and personal lives.

A small number of multi-agency professionals have been recruited to the diocesan office this year working part-time hours. This is what some of our 'parish share' contributes to. We are all aware of the potential for abuse within many organisations. Churches must be places where vulnerable people feel safe whether attending services, seeking friendship or support. My personal experience is that the funding from the combined parish share enables the diocese to be better equipped and to respond quicker and more effectively to parish safeguarding referrals.

The APCM is a rare opportunity to publicly thank all our volunteers (approx 100) for offering their skills and for their ongoing dedication throughout the pandemic. Our wonderful volunteers have enabled our church to continue playing an active role in the wider community as well as supporting our own Church community – **we sincerely thank you for all your time and your talents.**

*Jane Reid*  
*St Peter's Parish Safeguarding Officer*

**The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).**

#### Alpha Course

St Peter's hosted a 12 week Alpha course beginning in September 2022 with more than 30 people from St Peter's and two others in the Western Wards. The group ranged in age from mid 30s to mid 80s with a diverse experience of faith. It proved to be very encouraging for all involved and it is hoped there will be some who will continue their journey of faith at our church.

#### Musical Opportunities

Over four weeks in August, David Chandler offered a series of Organ Recitals which proved to be very popular once more. In addition, we held two choir concerts: a Michaelmas Concert performed by 'Continnum' in September and a Christmas Carol concert by Solent Community Choir. Thanks go to all the performers who offered their time and talent freely for the benefit of St Peter's.

At the two services on Christmas Eve and again at 10am on Christmas Day, singers from our own congregation were joined by others from the wider community to produce a wonderful pop-up choir that was much appreciated by all present.



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Thanks also go to David Chandler for his support of the choir and for his role as organist. He provided organ accompaniment to most regular services as well as weddings and funerals during 2022.

#### **Engagement with Families**

There were opportunities taken by families throughout the year to join in the events and activities offered at St Peter's.

A particular success was the Scarecrow Trail held in June to coincide with celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Well planned and delivered by Jane Reid and her team, this became a lovely opportunity for families with or without children! The weather was largely good and even on cooler days, people chose to participate. There was a lot of good feedback leaving the sense that this would be worth repeating another year.

Services for Harvest, Christingle and Christmas attracted families as did Remembrance Sunday when the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the Bonfire Boys provided splendid representation of the younger generation in our community.

During the year we were delighted to welcome a new family to the village who have attended church regularly since. The children have made good use of the Children's Area in church on Sundays and have been willing to take part in services when volunteers have been requested. It has been a joy to get to know them.

#### **Links with Schools**

##### **Titchfield Primary School**

It is always a joy when the pupils and teachers from our local schools visit and make use of our church building, and 2022 was no exception as TPS returned for their usual pattern of services to celebrate special times of the year. The pupils visited for their Leavers Assembly in July, which is always a moving service as year six pupils say thank you and goodbye to their primary school. In September we celebrated the new academic year with a blessing service. Harvest Festival was celebrated in October, with very generous donations in support of the Basics Bank. Finally there was the Christmas Carol Service which was very special as the school decided to deliver a completely traditional nine lessons and carols service. Quite a challenge for the children and in stark contrast to the previous year when they did a modern production of the Nativity – well done TPS!

*Revd Janet Trevithick*

##### **West Hill Park School**

Over the past year St Peters continued its supportive relationship with West Hill Park school. The Revd Julia Foster was invited to the school on several occasions to take assemblies, including Ash Wednesday when some willing volunteers were 'ashed'. In July she also attended the leavers service and school speech day. Representatives of the school also attended the Harvest service at St Peters and led the prayers. It was lovely to welcome the young people and

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their teachers into the church and several congregation members took the opportunity to chat to them after the service. Thankfully the school was able to hold their harvest service in church this year, the first following the pandemic. St Peter's were also pleased to host the school for their annual carol concert. It was a lovely traditional service with wonderful singing and readings that were read so beautifully by the children. St Peters looks forward to continuing this important link with the school in the future.

*Revd Julia Foster*

#### Heathfield and St Francis Schools

With covid restrictions eased this year, the pupils and teachers were able to perform their Christmas Nativity service in front of their families and friends in the church. It was an absolute delight.

*Revd Janet Trevithick*

#### Jigsaw Pre-school

We remain in touch with the pre-school but no visits were planned for 2022.

### **Team and Group Reports**

#### **St Peter's Home Groups**

Home groups, or small fellowship groups continue to be a valued part of church life at St Peter's. Unfortunately, during 2022, with many other pressing needs to be addressed in the church, we did not manage to reorganise the groups. We do have new members of the church who would like to be part of a regular home group so this must be a priority for the coming year. We did however run a 6 week Lent Course which was appreciated and well attended.

*Revd Janet Trevithick*

#### **St. Peter's Bell-Ringers**

2022 enabled the resumption of regular bell-ringing practice, ringing for Sunday services and weddings.

In June, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, 17 ringers took part including one who had rung for the Coronation. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the quarter peel rung as the procession to the beacon lighting left The Square. The Bell-Ringers joined ringers around the country to ring a jubilee peel to coincide with the end of the National Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Reign at St Paul's Cathedral.

In contrast, in September, there was muffled bell-ringing after the death of Queen Elizabeth. They rang with fully muffled bells on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September in commemoration of Her Majesty and with fully open bells for the Proclamation of King Charles III on 10<sup>th</sup> September. The bells were rung fully muffled until after the Queen's funeral, and also run prior to the service.

Thanks to all bell-ringers and especially to John Pereira for muffling the bells.

Muffling means placing a thick leather pad on the clapper so that when the bell is struck the

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sound produced is muted. As each bell sounds twice in the full movement of the bell, fully muffled means both sounds are muted. The tenor bell is only muffled on one strike, which produces an effect like tolling one bell. We only ring fully muffled on the passing of a Sovereign. At other appropriate times, such as at New Year's Eve, the bells are muffled only on only one side which produces an echoing effect.

#### **The Welcome Café**

The Café opened again during August each Tuesday afternoon offering fellowship and hospitality to all who came through our doors. The team supporting this gave freely of their time and baking skills along with enthusiasm for each of the occasions. The same warmth and fellowship was evident and it was a pleasure to welcome regular visitors as well as new people. As last year, live music provided by Charles Timberlake playing the piano. Thanks go to all involved and to all who supported the opportunity which brings together people within our wider community and beyond.

#### **Pastoral Support Group**

All members have up-to-date DBS certificates and all have undergone appropriate safeguarding training. Meetings are held regularly and all discussion is noted. All information shared at meetings is in complete confidence.

At the present time there are a number of people who need to be visited on a fairly regular basis and this we try to do. For people who are struggling with bereavement we bear in mind the option to recommend them to seek counselling for further help

Some members of the Pastoral Support Team are also part of the Prayerline. One of our members is licensed to take Home Communion; she is usually supported by another member of the team when taking Communion at home.

Members of the Team attend the All Souls Day service each year and will attend any other service in a pastoral support capacity if required.

Tea parties, which are now held in the in The Parish Rooms, are organised on a regular basis – every 2/3 months - in January/February, April/May, September and November. In June/July each year a special Summer Tea Party is arranged at the Rotary Wheelhouse at Hillhead. There are several people, not members of the Pastoral Support Team, who are willing to help with the catering for the tea parties. One of our lovely retired clergy usually attends each tea party. Guests who attend the tea parties make a small donation to cover costs and fees for the hire of the Rotary Wheelhouse and the Parish Rooms.

For the last few years the team have taken responsibility for the first Lent Lunch and this year the last one too.

For the last year churches of the Western Wards Pastoral Support teams – St. Peter's, Titchfield,

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St. John's, Locks Heath, St. Mary's, Warsash and St. Paul's, Sarisbury – have been meeting together on a regular basis to share ideas and training. We attended an inhouse Listening Course at St. John's in January.

Many thanks to all members of the congregation who support this work in many different ways.

*Rachel Baker Secretary*

#### **St Peter's Prayerline**

On 15<sup>th</sup> February there was an opportunity to meet together in the Southampton Chapel to pray specifically for Ukraine and Afghanistan. Janet Trevithick was 'with us' at home at the same time.

We continue to remember both countries and 'local' prayers on our (fairly long!) list which is reviewed regularly.

Again, a great number of names and situations have been on our prayer list, with regular updates being invaluable, and good record-keeping essential! Requests have been varied, including house sales and new job, alongside the more general illness, hospitalisations etc. Some have been for end of life (5 deaths since 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022).

As always there has also been an opportunity to give much thanks and praise.

I am, as ever, indebted to my team for their faithfulness and commitment.

*Charles Timberlake*

#### **Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank**

Regular donations of packaged food items were made throughout the year by church members and the wider community. All were delivered at intervals to the Fareham base. Harvest Festival services held by West Hill Park and Titchfield Primary School as well as St Peter's Thanksgiving Service also encouraged food donations, after which it was possible to fill two cars with deliveries to the Food Bank! Thanks to everyone who has supported this local need throughout the year.

#### **Lent Lunches**

Lent Lunches were held each Friday during Lent with tables setup in the church for donations to support St George's Foundation in Sierra Leone for street children, and for St Peter's Church.

The lunches consist of a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese. The Pastoral Support Group organised a rota to buy the food, make soup, set-up and serve the lunches.

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#### **Ladies Breakfast**

These were able to recommence in October 2022 having paused due to the COVID pandemic.

The breakfasts are held on the last Saturday of the month (except in August) in the Chapter Rooms (9-10:30am) with a continental-style breakfast, fellowship and conversation. Occasionally a guest speaker is in attendance.

There is no charge but usually a donation for the cost of breakfast is given. Usually 10-15 attend.

#### **Flowers at St. Peter's**

Despite losing some of our flower arrangers we have maintained a high standard of always having fresh flowers in the church throughout the year (with the exception of Lent and Advent). The Flower Festival to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee was a successful and joyful occasion, bringing many visitors to St Peter's, and raised well over £2,000.

We are hoping to recruit new members in the near future.

*Sheila Hignell*

#### **Titchfield News**

Titchfield News has been published bi-monthly throughout 2022 and continues to be well received. For the Jubilee celebrations we produced:

- A June 2022 issue with full details of and articles about the programme of events
- A souvenir issue for August 2022 with 8 colour pages of photos of the Jubilee events

The editorial team for 2022 comprised:

- Karen Postle, Editor
- Margaret Thompson, Assistant Editor
- Karen Rizzi, Layout, styling, creation of publication-ready magazine formats, puzzles
- Gerry Pontefract, Distribution
- Tony Postle, Advertising Sales

Karen Rizzi very kindly continues to work on our design and layout, doing a fantastic job for us despite the difficulties of a very variable internet connection.

We regularly updated our Risk Assessment for magazine distribution to take account of the third lockdown and subsequent variations in rates of Covid infection. This continued until December 2022 when, in agreement with the PCC, it was considered no longer necessary.

Magazines are now delivered to 294 subscribers which is an increase of 33 on 2021. Further copies have been sold in church, in Karma beauty salon and in the Living Word Church. Past copies of the magazine are available on the church website.

As several clubs and societies re-opened we have resumed articles from them but focused

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more on longer articles of general interest to readers, rather than short reports of meetings. We have continued to seek articles from various sources.

Titchfield News continues to generate income for the church from both sales and advertising. Our team of 17 distributors do an excellent job both in delivering the magazine on time and in recruiting more subscribers.

We have had no price increases in 2022 and none are planned.

We are very grateful to Rev. Canon Peter Kelly for reading final copy before it goes to the printers. Our thanks go to Rev Janet Trevithick and the PCC for their support and advice.

*Karen Postle (Editor)*

#### **St Peter's Church Conducted Tours**

A tour was arranged for 3 August, linked to a Welcome Cafe week, but attendance was minimal. However, three youth groups were taken on a tour: on 20 September for 15 Beaver scouts of the Titchfield troop; on 23 November for Scouts who were mainly interested in the war memorials; and a class from Titchfield primary school on 8 December where the educational interest were features of Anglo-Saxon architecture.

*Richard Boden and David Mugford*

#### **Titchfield Churchyard Maintenance Group**

The churchyard continued to benefit from the hard work of the Churchyard Maintenance Group during 2022. The group met throughout the year and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

#### **Friends of St Peter's (FOSP)**

Friends was established to preserve and maintain the fabric of St Peter's – (including its land, buildings, fixtures, furnishings, fabrics, archives and treasures) and to generate enthusiasm in the origins, history, architecture and development of the building.

We raise funds and make grants of money to the clergy, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC).

From January –December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 we were able to hold a few fund raising events, namely the Open gardens, Jazz at the Barn, a Winter Glitz evening and Carols round the Tree. This will go towards funds committed for on-going high cost projects, such as the church heating, something we can all benefit from! During 2022 we paid the further cost of £427.58, this was the final payment for the re-pointing of the wall.

We look forward to our continued relationship with the PCC, the congregation members and the community to support and maintain our ancient church building.

*Pat Shirley Chair (FOSP)*

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#### St Peter's Clergy and Officers

**Vicar:** In vacancy since October 2020

**Churchwardens:** Barbara le Sueur (until May 2022)  
Peter Gordon  
Steven Sherwood (from May 2022)

**Deacon:** Revd Janet Trevithick

**Reader:** David Foster

#### **Permission to Officiate Priests:**

Revd Jane Kennedy  
Revd Julia Foster  
Canon Peter Kelly  
Revd Jane Richards

**PCC Treasurer:** Martin Reid

**Book Keeper:** Paul Angelides

**Electoral Roll & GDPR Officer:** Keith Miller

**Parish Administrator:** in vacancy

**Temporary Administrative Support:** Helen Perry

**Administrative Support:** John Brace

**Organist -** David Chandler

**Captain of the Tower:** Lyndon Hatfield

**Sacristan:** Peter Gordon

**Senior Sidespeople:** Barbara Le Sueur, Peter Gordon, John Murray, Sheila Hignell

**Sidespeople:** Joan Angelides, Paul Angelides, David Mugford, Sandra Pereira, John Pereira, Stella Funnell, Dudley Hopkins, Lin Kelly, Rachel Baker, John Blundell, Roger Day, Martin Reid, Jane Reid, Andrew Trevithick, Jean Wood, Nog Grimstead, Kay Dunleavy

**Lay Assistants:** Peter Gordon, John Murray, Helen Blundell, David Mugford, Janet Trevithick, Jane Slaymaker, Helen Andrews, Ann Murray, Charles Timberlake\*, Linda Allison\*, Martin Reid, Jane Reid, Nog Grimstead, Stephen Lewis, Barbara Le Sueur, Anna Sketchley\*

\*Lay assistants who have been authorised by the Bishop to administer Holy Communion to people in their own home.

**St Peter's Website:** Robin Guess, Chris Oakley, Jane Slaymaker

**Team leader for live-streaming of services from St Peter's:** Chris Oakley

**St Peter's Facebook Page:** Barbara Le Sueur

## St Peter's Parochial Church Council

### **Ex-officio members**

**Vicar:** In vacancy since October 2020  
**Deacon:** Revd Janet Trevithick  
**Church Wardens:** Barbara le Sueur (until May 2022)  
Steven Sherwood (from May 2022)  
Peter Gordon

### **Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex-officio):**

Andrew Trevithick  
Vacancy

### **Elected Members: Vice Chair:** Steven Sherwood (from May 2022)

John Blundell Year 2  
Chris Oakley Year 4  
Hazel Croft-Phillips Year 4  
Paul Wenham Year 4  
Martin Reid Year 2  
Helen Perry Year 4  
2 x Vacancy

**PCC Secretary:** Helen Andrews (until May 2022) Jane Slaymaker (from May 2022)

**APCM Secretary:** Helen Perry (April 2022)

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Jane Reid

**PCC Representatives on Friends of St Peters Committee:** Steven Sherwood

PCC meetings were held on 11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December

### **Sub-Committees of the PCC**

**Standing Committee:** The only committee required by law with the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members: Chair – Helen Perry (until April 2022), Steven Sherwood (from May 2022), Barbara le Sueur (until April 2022), Peter Gordon, Martin Reid and Revd Janet Trevithick.

**Fabric Committee:** Attends to matters relating to church buildings, including promoting safe practice in the church environment. Also advises the PCC on any maintenance required to the church (except minor repairs). Chair: Steven Sherwood

### **Teams and Working Groups**

**The Western Wards Cluster Group** continue to meet fortnightly, and this has been a great support for the leadership of all four churches. The group currently consists of clergy (where there are some) and churchwardens (if not), there are normally two representatives from each church. This meeting is



informal in nature, and no notes are taken.

The Western Wards Steering Group was formed in July 2021 for the purpose of discerning points at which the four churches can collaborate and share resources. This group meets monthly and is a sub-committee of the PCCs of each church and comes under their authority. Two to three members of each church attend, and minutes are taken.

#### Staff Team at St Peter's

A staff team meeting is held once a month at St Peter's to review past services, plan upcoming services and complete rotas.

Members are: Revd Janet Trevithick, Revd Canon Peter Kelly, Revd Jane Richards, Revd Julia Foster, David Foster (Reader), Revd Jane Kennedy, David Chandler (organist) and our churchwardens Steven Sherwood and Peter Gordon (if available).

Pastoral Support Team: Facilitates pastoral care in the parish and provides bereavement support.  
Chair: Ros Seward

Prayerline: Confidential long-distance prayer support. Chair: Charles Timberlake

Stewardship Team: John Parry

**This report has been prepared in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020, Part 9, Rule M5 (1)(b)**

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Diocesan website: [www.portsmouth.anglican.org](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org)

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 and signed on its behalf by Steven Sherwood (Vice Chair of PCC)

## Appendix A – Deanery Synod Report

The Fareham Deanery Synod representative for St Peter's in 2022 was Andrew Trevithick (*elected 2019 APCM – 3 year term expires 30 Jun 23*). The second representative post was not filled.

There were 2 formal meetings of the Deanery Synod, 11 Oct 22 at St John's Fareham and 16 Feb 23 at Paul's Sarisbury Green both chaired by Revd Dr Ian Meredith (Area Dean) and Lay Chair Mrs Liz Simpson.

Most of Deanery Synod discussions in both meetings concentrated on Finance and the Deanery Road Map. In October, Bishop Jonathan attended and took questions about the Deanery transformation and his vision to: reduce dependence on stipend clergy; aim for cohort of clergy + 'self-supporting' newly ordained volunteers; Anna Chaplaincy for the older generation, more focus on Children, Young People and Young Adults (CYPYA); and an aim to clear the deficit within 3 years. Bishop liked the concept of covenanted partnership and working collaboratively and was keen that a revised Deanery Road Map be presented to the November meeting of the Diocesan Synod for ratification.

At the February 23 meeting this revised Road Map v4 (**Towards an Implementation Plan to establish Strong Growing & Enabled' Churches in Collaborative Relationships**) was presented by Rev Mike Terry who outlined its structure and rationale with sections on:

- Synodical governance and oversight
- Bishop's vision (*now priorities*) as specified above but including the Live, Pray, Serve Diocesan foci and any local specifics.

The Road Map is intended to be a flexible guide to keep parishes on track rather than a stick to beat ourselves with! A copy will be made available for St Peter's parishioners to peruse in due course. Of note is the already extensive collaboration efforts within the Western Wards and other churches in the Deanery including Worship, youth work and sharing of resources.

**Finance.** Stuart Forster reported that, although difficult, the Deanery had paid its 2022 parish share in full and on time! The Share Ask for each parish in 2023 is unchanged from 2022 although inflation will hit parishes particularly those with historic buildings to maintain and heat. A Parish Share review group has been formed and will welcome helpful suggestions for a new Share formula. Whiteley and St Peter's emphasised the benefits of installing a card reader and the Parish Giving Scheme was also strongly recommended.

Grateful thanks were also expressed for our parish **Readers** and all are encouraged to seek giftings that could develop into this ministry.

*Andrew Trevithick  
Deanery Synod Rep*

NB – Synod still lacks a Deanery Secretary – Parishes to advertise this vacancy please.

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