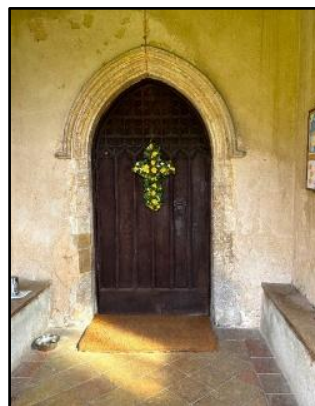


St Peter's  
RINGLAND



**Minutes and Reports  
to the  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**



**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
of the St Peter's Parochial Church Council  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Incumbent of the  
Benefice of Taverham with Ringland:**

Rev Paul Seabrook  
The Rectory  
173 Taverham Road  
Taverham NR8 6SG

**Church building :**  
St Peter's, Ringland  
The Street, Ringland, NR8 6JJ

**Bank :**  
Barclays Bank

**Independent Examiner :**  
Dan Gentle  
8 Bellomonte Crescent  
Drayton, Norwich, NR8 6EJ

**Architect :**  
Ruth Blackman, Director  
Birdsall, Swash and Blackman Ltd  
High House Farm, The Street,  
Beeston, King's Lynn, PE32 2NF

## **Background**

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) accepts the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, ecclesiastical, social and ecumenical.

## **Membership**

Members of the PCC either serve ex officio or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC :

Incumbent	Rev Paul Seabrook (Chair)
Churchwarden	Dian Frost
Churchwarden	Sue Charnock (deputy up to May, became full churchwarden May 2025)
Deanery Synod Representative	Frances Sanderson – Bates (from Oct 2025)
Assistant Priest	Rev Val Hooker
Assistant Priest	Rev Phil Charlesworth (to October 2025)
LLM	Frances Sanderson – Bates (from Sept 2025)
Secretary	Vacant (Mrs Elaine Lockett standing in)
Treasurer	Vacant (Mr Colman standing in)

Elected Members : Mrs Charlotte Brennan

**Committees** –\_note: these committees were both dissolved at the 2025 APCM – see minutes later in this report

A sub – committee was formed at the 2017 APCM designated the Building Project sub-committee, currently consisting of :

Rev Phil Charlesworth (Project Manager)  
Rev Paul Seabrook (PCC Chair), Mrs Dian Frost (Churchwarden)  
Mr Amjad Malhis (Co – opted advisor)

An Events and Growth sub-committee was formally established at the February 2018 PCC, currently consisting of :

Rev Paul Seabrook (Chair), Mrs Dian Frost (Churchwarden), Mrs Elaine Lockett

## **Electoral Roll**

The electoral roll was renewed in 2025.

The number of people on the electoral roll is 16.

## **Agenda for the 2026 Annual Meeting of Parishioners St Peter's**

**To be held at St Peter's Church Ringland Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 12.15pm**

### **Agenda 2026 Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry) Meeting**

1. Prayer and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (2025, see below)
4. Election of Churchwarden(s)

### **Minutes of the 2025 Annual Parishioner's (Vestry) Meeting of St Peter's**

**Was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 12:15 pm at St Peter's Church Ringland**

Present : 9 people were present:

Rev Paul Seabrook, Dian Frost, Rev Val Hooker, Sue Charnock, Charlotte Brennan, Richard Hooker, Frances Sanderson-Bates, Ann Coker, Stella Noons,

- 1 Rev Paul welcomed everyone and reflected on John 10 : 22 – 30, Jesus as our Good Shepherd, the importance of listening to Him, and His promise we can never be snatched from His hand. This is the message we are called to share in our life and ministry at St Peter's
- 2 Apologies; Ian Colman, Elaine Lockett, Fran Scarff, Rev Phil Charlesworth
- 3 Minutes of previous year's meeting were accepted as a true record.
- 4 Election of churchwarden.

There were two nominations :

Sue Charnock, Proposed by Rev Paul Seabrook, Seconded by Charlotte Brennan

Dian Frost, Proposed by Charlotte Brennan, Seconded by Rev Paul Seabrook.  
Dian And Sue were duly elected, subject to interviews, in line with Safer Recruitment requirements.

Rev Paul thanked Sue and Dian, and commented they are a good team, with Dian dealing with day to day matters, and Sue available for more operational matters, especially technical support.

Rev Paul also commented this is the first time St Peter's has had two churchwardens for many years.

Sue and Dian were congratulated. They can if they would like to appoint a Deputy Churchwarden.

Dian thanks everyone who has helped her over the preceding year.

This concluded the vestry meeting.

## Agenda for the 2026 St Peter's Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM)

**To be held at St Peter's Church Ringland Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 12.15pm**

### **Agenda 2026 APCM Church Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting (see below)
3. Matters arising from minutes of 2025 APCM
4. Elections to PCC
5. Rector's report - see page 8
6. Assistant Priest's report - see pages 9, 10 and 11
7. Finance and other reports – see pages 12 to end of report
8. Date of next meeting of newly elected PCC

### **Minutes of the 2025 Annual Church Meeting (APCM) of St Peter's**

**Was held Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 12:30pm at St Peter's Church Ringland**

1. Attendance and Apologies for absence - As above (see Vestry meeting)
2. **Minutes of the previous year's meeting**  
These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising from minutes of 2024 APCM**
  - Richard Hooker mentioned the organ needs retuning
  - The water pipe fitted at the gate now has a secure wooden box surrounding it
  - The Quinquennial was carried out on 7th June 2024. We have been given a list of priorities.
  - Top priority is an electrical inspection with additional sockets to be installed
  - Parish Share payments have been currently suspended until we have established a more stable cash flow.
  - The giving machine has been installed and is functioning.
  - The new parking has been completed at the front of the church by the Parish council.
4. **Elections to PCC**  
There were no nominations for PCC.
5. **Rector's report**
  - Rev Paul thanked Rev Val on behalf of the PCC and regular congregations for all her work and leadership. There is much to celebrate in the way the life and ministry in Ringland is going forward.
  - Rev Paul highlighted how partnerships have become so important in bringing growth, and how there is a strong partnership between St Ed's and St Peter's.

- Rev Val's Licensing as Assistant Priest for Taverham and Ringland is to take place on Sunday June 15th at St Ed's by Archdeacon Keith.

#### 6. **Curate's report**

- Rev Val commented that St Peter's involves a small group of people. It is important they work together. The team of Rev Val, Frances Sanderson – Bates, Sue Charnock and Dian Frost meet regularly.
- The Gathering is going well, and attracts people who don't otherwise come to church.

- Rev Val reflected on the importance of listening to God together

#### 7. **Finance and other reports**

Sue Charnock mentioned how everyone at St Peter's knows how finances are very limited. Currently Ian Colman has transferred money from the reserves in the CCLA account into the General Fund, and time is needed for the reserves to rebuild. The Cashless giving machine is generating £30 to £40 per month.

#### 8. **Plans for the future**

- Stella Noons commented it would be useful to know the demographics of the village of Ringland. For example the numbers of children and the proportion of older people. Also the numbers of people who are commuters from the village into work. Dian mentioned there are still a number of retired people who worked on the land.
- The possibility of a Benefice service was raised.
- Sue Charnock emphasised the importance of reaching out, and raised the possibility of publicising services at St Peter's at Queen's Hills (this is however in Easton Parish).
- Stella Noons asked how widely The Gathering has been advertised? Rev Val responded there have been posters and it is advertised on Facebook. Dian wondered about a flier to each house in the village.
- Rev Val mentioned a lot of people had seen the Gathering when it has been outside.
- Sue Charnock mentioned how the PCC is taking things slowly as the Lord brings the resources needed.

#### 9. **Any Other Business**

**Safeguarding** – Ann Coker is stepping down as Parish Safeguarding Officer at the Taverham APCM on 19th May. Ann was thanked for her dedication and all her hard work. She has worked diligently and tirelessly, but feels it is now time to step down.

- She mentioned that the Safeguarding team (Deidre Porter, Stella Noons, Sue Charnock and herself) would still be meeting to offer Safeguarding support and advice.
- In the meantime the church website wording has been amended to reflect that we no longer currently have a named Safeguarding Officer, but if anyone has any concerns they should contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

The **two sub committees** (set up in 2017 of Building Projects and Events and Growth ceased meeting several years ago, and no longer function. Rev Paul therefore proposed these should be dissolved. Everyone was in agreement.

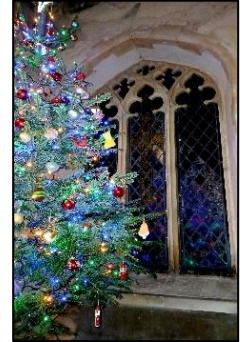
10. **Date of next meeting** of newly elected PCC  
 The PCC will meet at St Peter's on 8th July at 6.00pm



# Officer's reports for 2025-2026

## **Rector's Report**

One of the shortest Psalms in the Bible contains the greatest spiritual truth. Psalm 131 is just three verses, encouraging quiet trust in the Lord, in calmness, and perseverance. They are wonderful words that underline how as Christians we can find so much comfort in quiet faith and trusting in the Lord's faithfulness over time.



LORD, my heart is not proud;  
my eyes are not haughty.  
I don't concern myself with matters too great  
or too awesome for me to grasp.  
2 Instead, I have calmed and quieted myself,  
like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother's milk.  
Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me.  
3 O Israel, put your hope in the LORD—  
now and always.

I believe every visitor to St Peter's discovers this quiet faith and calmness, and the ministry in Ringland continues to provide this faithful stillness amidst the storms of the world and of our daily lives. The turmoil that affects us all from time to time.

I know there have been times of pastoral stress and sadness in Ringland this year, as well as times of joy. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Rev Val Hooker, and to those involved in ministry, Churchwardens Sue Charnock and Dian Frost, and Frances Sanderson – Bates as LLM in their faithful and prayerful ministry over the past year.

Also huge thanks to Ian Colman as Treasurer, Ann Coker as Safeguarding Officer and to Elaine Lockett, and Charlotte Brennan as members of the PCC for all they have contributed.

I know there have been highlights which are featured in the reports for 2025. There has also been much faithful ministry that enables St Peter's to continue and for ministry in Ringland to enable many visitors, Pilgrims, residents, people passing through to discover faithful trust in the Lord.

## **Rev Paul Seabrook - Incumbent**

### **Life events at St Peter's in 2025**

During 2025 we had 5 Baptisms, 4 funerals and 0 Weddings.

## Assistant Priest's Report



As I write this report, the daffodils are once again out and the birds singing heralding Spring, a time of new growth and hope in our quiet little corner of the world in Ringland. Yet, we are currently living in a world that finds itself becoming increasingly destabilised and unpredictable due to the current war and ongoing conflict across the Middle East, Ukraine and other places. Many people, especially the young, are feeling understandably anxious, fearful and insecure and as a result are seeking identity, meaning, stability and purpose in life. Many are connecting with and starting to attend church in what is being called "The Quiet Revival" We have a real opportunity in this time to reach out, come alongside and share God's kingdom of love, grace and hope which turns the ways and values of the world on their head and changes lives, and to point all who are seeking to Jesus, the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

This last year at St Peter's Ringland, has been one of continuing consolidation and seeing more shoots of new growth. As a ministry team we have grown stronger through spending time together sharing and seeking to discern where we see God at work both in the church and community. This has gradually become clearer as it slowly unfolds, sometimes in unexpected ways. Consequently, some things have come to an end, or had to be laid down, whilst new things are beginning.

Having limited resources is I believe, teaching and enabling us to walk with God at his pace, looking at what we have rather than focussing on what we lack and where we would like to be. God is clearly showing us that this is his work as we discover his priorities, timing and faithful provision, which is exciting!

Having completed my curacy in June I am now serving as Assistant Priest in the benefice with main responsibility for St Peter's. We congratulate Frances Sanderson-Bates on completing her training and becoming a Licensed Lay Minister last September and look forward to her continuing ministry with the team and as our new Deanery Synod representative. Our very grateful thanks go to Ann Coker who has stood down as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). Ann has been responsible for overseeing our good progress in completing the safeguarding dashboard requirements. We are currently without a PSO, but Sue Charnock has been attending and giving feedback from Diocesan SG meetings.



Frances' Licensing

Rev Phil Charlesworth has stood down from PCC to pursue further theological studies; we thank Phil and wish him well.



It has been so encouraging this year to see relationships between the church and community growing stronger with greater collaboration and sharing of resources resulting in more people volunteering help and connecting with church and the village. Our winter services were again held in the Village Hall, moving church out into the community whilst providing the congregation with facilities more conducive to winter worship.

Our biggest outreach need this year has been for pastoral visiting both at home and hospital due to illness, end of life care and bereavement. This ministry is vitally important and valued by those living in rural communities and strengthens our community connections.

The churchyard has been kept looking tidy thanks to support from the Parish Council who employ the grass cutting team. We repeated our “no mow” season between May and September allowing our native species and natural wildlife to flourish. Our thanks also to volunteers who have planted new hedging saplings using traditional species. Our churchyard is a special place of peace and stillness for the many people who visit or pass through.



We have now raised the money to upgrade the church electrical system, including a generous donation from St Edmund's Taverham. This will enable greater use of the church for congregation and outside groups and events. Our project for this year is to be able to install an accessible composting toilet, which is much needed for the increasing number of congregation and visitors to the church.

The local pub reopening has been good news attracting more visitors to both the village and church. In the summer months visitors are our biggest footfall and source of income and refreshments and local information are available in the church. We would like to build on these connections in the future.

Church services continue the same pattern, but at 10.30am we have introduced some Services of the Word and other informal services at Harvest and Christmas. It is encouraging that new people have joined us, but due to less regular attendance the numbers remain roughly the same. The coffee & cake afterwards is a time for sharing together to which all, not just those attending church, are invited. Last Easter Day we were joined by 2 ferrets who brought their owners!



The Gathering, now into its 2nd year, has moved to the 4th Sunday afternoons 3-5pm. This offers a relaxed, inclusive space both indoors and outdoors around the fire pit, to meet together informally and invite others into to chat about life and faith, over refreshments.



Now that this has become established and self-sustaining, Garden Church who helped us to set it up have moved on and we have been very grateful for all their input.

Christmas was a busy and enjoyable time at church. Beginning with a successful stall at Ringland village Christmas Fair, followed by a Christmas coffee morning & crafts in the Village Hall. Over 2 weeks between 20th Dec-2nd January, we hosted an open church event called "A CHRISTmas Space," particularly for those who were alone or who struggle at Christmas. This included refreshments, mindful activities for all ages, prayer spaces, peace and a listening ear. This was extremely well received with people visiting most days (including Christmas Day) with much positive feedback given. We hope to repeat this.



The Carols & Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was also a real highlight and a thoroughly joyful and fun time, with over 100 people, including several children. There was a real buzz as we reflected on the Nativity story and made our own Christingles. We even ran out of Service sheets, Christingles and mulled wine!

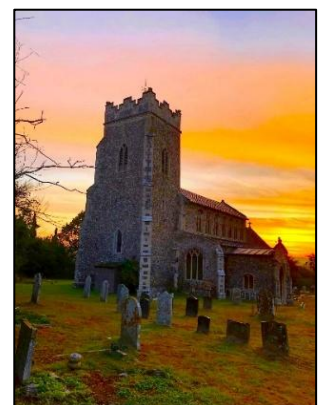
I am extremely grateful to and hugely appreciative of, all who have contributed to the worship, maintenance, ongoing ministry and outreach of St Peter's. My grateful thanks especially to Churchwardens Dian Frost & Sue Charnock for their encouragement, support, experience, skills and gifts which keep the church running smoothly and keep me in order! Frances Sanderson-Bates LLM, Ian Colman Treasurer, Richard Hooker organist and our PCC members. Elaine Lockett for church locking and cleaning and as community link, Andrew Illing for church locking and work improving the churchyard and Frances Addington for administering the 100 club.



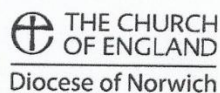
Whether we are planting and growing daffodils or planting and growing church, it is good to be reminded of the words of St Paul "I (we) planted, Apollos (someone else) watered, but it is God who makes it grow. So neither the one who plants, nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth". (1 Cor 3:6-7).

May we each be faithful in fulfilling the part God has given us to play in this place at this time, so that His church in Ringland will grow strong and be fruitful and lead others to find the Way.

**Rev Val Hooker – Assistant Priest**



# St Peter's Finance Examiner's Certificate for 2025



## Independent Examiners Certificate

Report to the trustees/ members of:	ST PETERS CHURCH RINGLAND
On accounts for the year ended:	31/12/25
Charity no (if any):	

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/25.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [ ]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:


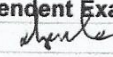
- ~~the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or~~ *not*
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:		Date:	26/1/26
Name:	DANIEL GENTLE		

## St Peter's Finance statement for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

<b>St. Peter's Church - Annual Accounts - 1/1/25- 31/12/25</b>				
	2024	2025		
<b>INCOME</b>				
			<b>Opening Balances:</b>	
Collections S/O	£664.00	£1,154.00	General Fund	£ 365.49
Collections	£716.65	£1,348.15	Fabric Fund	£ 6,636.33
Donations	£4,589.91	£1,023.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£7,001.82</b>
Fundraising	£126.13	£623.47		
Funeral/Wedd	£134.00	£970.00	Barclays	£776.48
Income Tax	£376.40	£1,052.89	CICA	£6,225.34
Safe	£82.74	£58.86	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£7,001.82</b>
Card Donations	£347.36	£633.76		
Interest	£313.77	£253.40	<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>£800.69</b>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>£ 7,350.96</b>	<b>£7,117.53</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>£7,802.51</b>
Parish Share	£3,097.00	£600.00	<b>Closing Balances:</b>	
Church Expenses	£154.30	£159.86	General Fund	£ 2,363.12
Insurance	£2,560.65	£2,684.85	Fabric Fund	£ 5,439.39
Organ	£0.00	£0.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£7,802.51</b>
Fire Extinguisher	£242.04	£0.00		
Misc	£0.00	£0.00	Barclays	£2,823.77
Nfk Churches	£30.00	£30.00	CICA	£4,978.74
Water	£0.00	£72.65	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£7,802.51</b>
Electricity	£695.88	£1,319.14		
Donations	£0.00	£0.00		
Buildings	£4,915.56	£1,450.34		
Fundraising Expenses	£0.00	£0.00		
<b>Total Exp:</b>	<b>£11,695.43</b>	<b>£6,316.84</b>		
<b>Surplus/(Deficit):</b>	<b>(£4,344.47)</b>	<b>£800.69</b>		
<b>Balance b/f:</b>	<b>£11,346.29</b>	<b>£7,001.82</b>		
<b>TOTAL C/F:</b>	<b>£7,001.82</b>	<b>£7,802.51</b>		
			Treasurer:	
			Independent Examiner:	
			Date:	26/1/26

# St Peter's Parish Share form for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

## Return of Parish Finance January to December 2025



30 Are your accounts Receipts and Payments

Parish Name: Taverham		St. Edmund's		If the form is NOT completed for the entire parish, please list below the churches included: St. Peter's Ringland		Parish Code (6 digits): Deanery: Norwich North Diocese: Norwich	
RECEIPTS/INCOME		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
<b>Voluntary giving</b>							
1	Regular giving	£ 1,154		17	Costs of generating funds		
3	Collections at services	£ 1,982		18	Church activities		
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 59	£ 1,024	19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 30	
6	Gift Aid recovered (regular giving and one-off donations)	£ 1,052		20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 600	
7	Legacies received (capital value)			21	Clergy and staff expenses		
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)			<b>Church expenses</b>			
	Total voluntary giving	£ 4,247	£ 1,024	22	Mission and evangelism costs		
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>							
9	Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 623		23	Church running expenses (including governance)	£ 2,845	
10	Income from investments			24	Church utility bills	£ 1,392	
	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.		£ 253	25	Costs of trading		
<b>Church activities</b>							
11	Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£ 970		<b>Major capital expenditure</b>			
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising			27	Major repairs to the church building		£ 1,450
13	Other receipts/income not already listed			28	Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration		
<b>Other incoming resources</b>							
99 Other payments/expenditure not already listed							
<b>PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E</b>							
<b>Totals (from Financial Statements)</b>		Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Totals (from Financial Statements)</b>		Unrestricted	Restricted
A	RECEIPTS/INCOME	£ 5,840	£ 1,277	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE		£ 4,867	£ 1,450
B	COMBINED TOTAL	£ 7,117		COMBINED TOTAL		£ 6,317	
<b>PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES</b>							
14	Number of regular givers		5	CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
16	Number of new legacies received in year		1	Cash and deposit balances (Receipts and Payments) OR		£ 2,363	£ 5,439
				Net Current Assets (Accruals) as at 31/12/24		£	£
				Investment assets as at 31/12/24		£	£ 5,439
				Name: Ian Colman		Date: 31/01/26	
				Position: Treasurer			
				Email or telephone: iancolman39@gmail.com			
<b>Looking back across 2025, was there any exceptional financial activity affecting movement on cash and investment balances? Please provide details in this box</b>							
E These might include project or capital expenditure, major equipment purchases, property or asset disposals, new investment or investment sales, new loans or loan repayments							

## Churchwarden's Report

We have had another busy year for our small team at St Peters, so we start with our special thanks to the hard work of Reverend Val and Richard Hooker.

Richard has been our stalwart organist amongst his many hats as well as helping Val to reach out to our community in so many ways. His playing is always wonderful. We also can not forget Frances - whose singing helps us to keep up with the organ as she assists Val in the services. Frances has had to undergo a lot of training and we thank her for her efforts in working and supporting us. She has also taken on some of the task of baking as we cater to more people at events, which is a huge help. There is nothing quite as welcoming as home made cakes and sausage rolls!



We were also joined by Sue Charnock as a Church Warden, and it has been many years since St Peters had two churchwardens - a huge step for our little Church community.

We would also like to thank Elaine Lockett and Andrew Illing for their unwavering help in opening and closing the Church and keeping the Church yard looking in such good condition. Elaine has also been helping with the cleaning and Andrew has worked so hard keeping the Church yard trimmed. It is always the little tasks like these that have such an impact on our message of Christs love and peace being available to all who wander to our doors.

The congregation and community has changed this last year. We have sadly had several people in the village die, and the outreach that Val has done we know has made a big difference to their families in their grief.



But we have also had some good news as well. We have had baptisms from a family whose roots are here - and they came all the way from Australia to baptise their children (we must have good ones here!), there have also been several other baptisms. A baptism is always a particular joy as it brings us all into unity with Christ, God and the Holy Spirit.

As we mention being in unity The Gathering needs special mention. It hinges on the peace that St Peters continues to demonstrate in the world around us and is an exploration of life and faith with prayer and, of course, refreshments.

It would be amiss of us to write of the quiet space St Peters affords without finally mentioning the increasing numbers of pilgrims we are seeing visiting us. We have had the Oxford group again, although they had a soggy walk to get to us this time. Those who have been before know all about our weather!

Lastly, we would like to report on the building. We continue to monitor the state of the building and there has been a few falls of material from the walls but nothing of dangerous substance.



There are however two new leaks from the roof which are also being watched but these are clearly linked to the way the rain is driven under the tiles.



The church yard is cut by Parish Council and, as already stated, Andrew kindly gives his time and effort to ensure the area is safe and tidy in-between. The intention is to repeat the wild flower sections in the coming years.

In the next year we dream of a toilet on site as we welcome a slowly increasing number of people.

**Dian Frost – Churchwarden**  
**Sue Charnock - Churchwarden**

## **Safeguarding Report**

We have been without a Parish Safeguarding Officer since May 2025 and It is of vital importance that we appoint someone to this role as soon as possible.



The person appointed will have the support of a Safeguarding Team who were approved by the PCC in 2024. Please consider carefully if that person could be you.

The PCC at St Peters Church continues to be committed to providing a safe environment for all who attend services and activities and to the support of victims of abuse.

PCC members and those leading activities have up-to-date DBS checks and have completed the relevant safeguarding training which is required.

Promoting a Safer Church, The House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy was re-adopted by the PCC in 2025 and is prominently displayed on our church noticeboard together with guidance in the event of a safeguarding concern. Safeguarding contact details for the Diocese are on the board and also on the news sheet that we share each week with St Edmunds.

There is a safeguarding report at every PCC meeting and we are using the Dashboard, an on-line tool, to guide our safeguarding planning and ensure it is up-to-date.

The Safeguarding Team is not aware of any safeguarding concerns at St Peters since the last APCM but it is the responsibility of all members of our church to remain vigilant and continue to ensure a safe environment.

All the Church team continue to ensure that anyone who comes forwards with a safeguarding issue feel that their concerns will be taken seriously and dealt with in a prompt and respectful manner.

## **Parish Safeguarding Team**