



# Weekly News

6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Stewardship Sunday

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## Big Figures and Big Figures - St Peter's Financial News

At our Annual Meeting I announced that we are currently transitioning to a new era in the way we manage our finances. Our Treasurer, David Fisher, who has been synonymous with St Peter's finances for well over thirty years, is handing over this overall responsibility while remaining an essential member of our finance team.



David, who has been directly involved in almost every aspect of our financial management for so long, has always done everything with self-effacing consistency, integrity, and good humour. We are enormously grateful for all that he has made possible. Over the next few months we will be setting up a new system, the shape of which is not yet entirely fixed. Suffice to say, we are going to need a team with diverse skills and bags of commitment to take up the range of roles that David has occupied up until now. You can read an edited version of David's final Treasurer's Report on the next page and his financial summary of last year's

actuals and this year's forecast on page 7 (also featured in this year's AGM booklet). You will notice, as you review that summary, that our financial situation is a great deal healthier, in these pandemic times, than you might expect. This is due to an anonymous donation of £100,000 received just before the Annual Meeting. Regular giving by Standing Order; some other very substantial donations and grants; alongside this six-figure gift; have enabled us to keep within sight of our financial commitments in spite of so many losses – lost lettings income, lost fundraising activities and lost giving through the weekly collection plate. We are extraordinarily fortunate to be in this position. The challenge that lies ahead, of course, is to build on that foundation to rebuild financial resilience for the future. On the next pages are some of the ways you can help.

*Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church*

## The Treasurer's Report

The figures on the Incomes and Expenditure chart (*page 7*) show the day-to-day income and costs of the Church. They do not include income and expenditure on the various restricted funds maintained by the PCC which are detailed in the full accounts available on the Welcome Desk. In respect of the 2020 figures the results were greatly influenced by the pandemic. It is very pleasing to see that planned giving was in line with previous years, however all other income headings were significantly less than anticipated - although we did receive some generous donations. Much of our expenditure is fixed whether the Church is open or not. There was a large reduction in wage costs due to the receipt of £10,968 in furlough grants. The resultant loss for the year of £58,466 was offset by the surplus brought forward from the previous year of £25,962 and the PCC agreed to transfer £30,000 from the designated reserve meaning that a final deficit of £2,504 is carried forward to 2021. Turning to the forecast for 2021, when I presented the figures to the PCC a deficit for the year of £95,000 was the result. I stressed that this was more of an estimate than a forecast. It is very difficult to predict income until we know the return to full uptake of the facilities and fundraising capacity. Expenditure is to a large extent fixed and thus easier to predict. Having said all that we have now been informed that we will shortly be in receipt of donations of £100,000 meaning that the final result for the year will show an estimated surplus of £5,000.

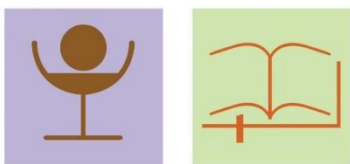
David Fisher, *Treasurer*

## Five ways to help to rebuild financial resilience for the future

### ***Set up a standing order – with Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer***

If you are not already part of our planned giving scheme, please do take and fill in a *Planned Giving* leaflet. If you are a UK Taxpayer the value of your giving is increased by a massive 25% if you fill in the Gift Aid declaration.

### ***Get ready to join the Parish Giving Scheme***



**PARISH  
GIVING  
SCHEME**

For those who are part of our Planned Giving Scheme, we will soon be inviting you to switch to the *Parish Giving Scheme*. This Direct Debit means of giving offers substantial benefits. First, the administration of Gift Aid is completed automatically, and the tax recovered is sent to St Peter's each month. Second, it is possible for participants to choose to increase their giving, once a year, in line with inflation. Third, it makes it much simpler for us to thank you for your giving and to provide you with the figures necessary for the Gift Aid notification on your tax return. Your help in making this switch, when it comes, will be enormously helpful and beneficial.

### ***Contactless Giving***

If you prefer to give each time you join us for worship, then it is always possible to place cash in the Donations Box by St Mary's Chapel. A cleaner, more efficient option, however, is to use the contactless giving machine on the Welcome Desk.

## ***Leave a Legacy***

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you may have the opportunity to leave a legacy in your Will. A gift in your Will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support St Peter's. This type of gift has, again and again, been crucial to enabling St Peter's to thrive in its life of service and mission. For example, it was a legacy that provided the seed that blossomed into the transformative building work completed in 2012.

For helpful advice on various matters relating to Wills, see [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk)

## ***Serve as a volunteer.***

St Peter's is a very economically diverse community. It is a simple fact, therefore, that not everyone can afford to contribute to our finances. Every member of the body does, however, have their own unique part to play. If you would like to serve as a volunteer, there are a wide range of opportunities available. Do please ask one of the Churchwardens or a member of the Clergy.

## **Chris Clayton's future at St Peter's**

As I announced at our AGM, Chris Clayton's Curacy would, under normal circumstances, now be drawing to a close. Thankfully, however, a combination of factors allows the option for Chris to stay on for up to four more years. First, we have the promise of a gift of £150,000 to help cover the cost of an extra full-time stipendiary priest - Curates in training come at no financial cost to the training parish, once Chris becomes Associate Vicar, however, this will no longer be the case. Second, the Bishop of Ripon has agreed to the appointment – she will formally license him at a service in St Peter's in June 2022. Third, Chris and Sam are willing to stay! This is, of course, absolutely excellent news. Chris has been an exceptional colleague and we look forward to his developing ministry among us.



## **What is the Vicar doing in June?**

As I explained at our AGM at the end of May, I will be taking a back seat during June - leaving Chris Clayton to take on, in collaboration with the Churchwardens, the day-to-day leadership of St Peter's. This is not primarily about Chris' transition, over the coming year, from Curate to Associate Vicar, although it happily fits that trajectory. My aim is to use weekdays during this month for research – joining in with worship at St Peter's on Sundays. My current projects include preparing for a debate at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Antonio, Texas. The subject being debated is whether Matthew's Gospel copied from Luke's Gospel – a previously underexplored solution to so-called 'Synoptic Problem'. I am also writing a book about the rediscovery of two texts mentioned in the New Testament, but which have long since become lost: the Apostolic Decree written by James the brother of Jesus and the Jerusalem Apostles in AD48 and a missing text written by the author of 1, 2 and 3 John. You can find out more at [www.alangarrow.com](http://www.alangarrow.com).

# Today's Services: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Stewardship Sunday

The First Sunday after Trinity

*Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before the start of the service, so everyone can be safely seated at a distance*

### 9:30 Family Communion

**Hymns** 302 Jesus shall take the highest honour; 379 Majesty; 357 Lord Jesus Christ; 640 You shall go out with joy

**Readings** 2 Corinthians 9 v 6 – 12  
Matthew 6 v 19 - 21

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**Our Duty Warden today is:**  
Rachel Fell

### 11:00 Choral Communion

**Setting** Darke in E

**Hymns** 558, 321, 278, 586 (*verses 1, 4, 8 and 10*)

**Readings** Deuteronomy 15 v 7 - 11  
Matthew 6 v 19 - 21

**Anthem** O for a closer walk with God (*Stanford*)

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

*We are continuing to live stream these services: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) to join in follow the links here or on our website.*

## To keep everyone safe don't forget to:

- wear a face covering and use the hand sanitiser
- follow the one way system – down the side aisles and up the centre aisle;
- keep your distance at all times, even when you share the peace;
- form a single, distanced queue in front of the dais to receive Communion – a wafer, but not wine, will be distributed (please indicate in advance if you need a gluten-free wafer);
- remember no refreshments will be served after the service, but bottled water is available if you need it;

leave via the West Door after the 9:30 am service, if you are able. Thank you!

## St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

It was really great to see everyone who came to last month's meeting even if we had to sit in small groups! We are meeting again at 12:15 pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the Palm Court Café at the bottom of Montpellier Hill. If you would like to join us for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy before Monday 21st June (07540 355 305 or [brynsusie@hotmail.com](mailto:brynsusie@hotmail.com)) as she has to book our tables well in advance.





**Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:**

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Graham Cornish, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Miriam Jones, Jackie Kelly, Charlie Martineau, Monica Ory, Sheila Pantin and Michele Roszak.

**RIP - Diana Braithwaite**

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** St Aidan's CE High School  
Joshua, Lynne, Edward, Tess, Alexia, Jemima and Anjali getting ready for their Confirmation
- Tues** The team preparing and serving Sunday Lunch at St Peter's  
All who work in foodbanks
- Wed** Tenants at risk of losing their homes as the eviction ban is lifted  
Those looking for work
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers  
The COVID-19 vaccine centre at the Great Yorkshire Showground
- Fri** All Members of Parliament  
Her Majesty, the Queen
- Sat** Sian Lockwood, Churchwarden  
All those suffering from anxiety and depression

**Daily Readings**

*Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. These are the Bible readings we will be using in Church each morning this week. Why not read them at home if you are unable to come to the service?*

- Mon** Psalm 30  
Job 13  
Romans 7 v 1 - 6
- Tues** *Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711*  
Psalm 36  
Job 14  
Romans 7 v 7 to end
- Wed** *Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597*  
Psalm 34  
Job 15  
Romans 8 v 1 - 11
- Thurs** Psalm 37  
Job 16 v 1 – 17 v 2  
Romans 8 v 12 - 17
- Fri** ***Barnabas the Apostle***  
Psalm 100  
Jeremiah 9 v 23 - 24  
Acts 4 v 32 to end
- Sat** Psalm 42  
Job 18  
Romans 8 v 31 to end

**The Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

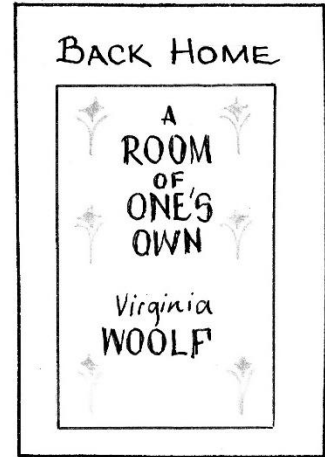
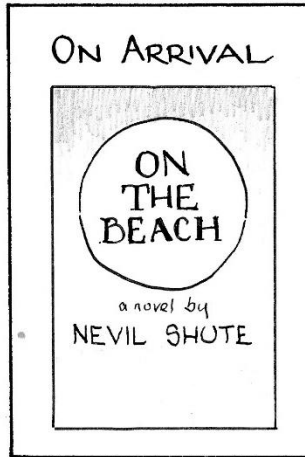
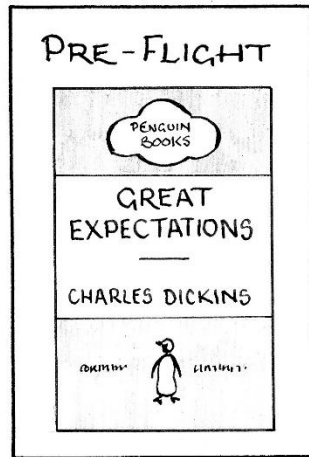
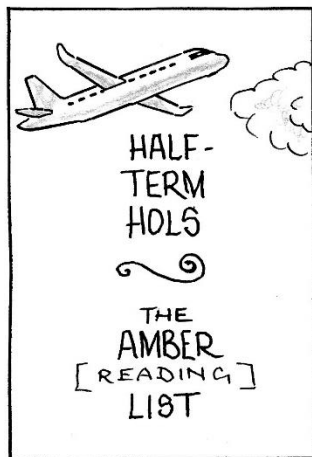
God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

# What's on This Week

*St Peter's Church is open for private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.*

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 – 11:00 am Toddler Group  
**11:00 am Holy Communion** (*no booking required*)  
4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available  
6:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** **The Second Sunday after Trinity**  
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch  
**6:30 pm Confirmation Service.** Joshua Dawson, Lynne Preston, Edward Duffy, Tess Duffy, Alexia Blake, Jemima Sharpe and Anjali Arthur are being confirmed by Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon (*booking required*)

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### Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June - The Second Sunday after Trinity

- 9:30 Family Communion  
11:00 Choral Matins  
6:30 Confirmation Service

To check availability and to book a pew at these services contact our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, by noon on Thursday on 07425 161425 or at: [stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com).

# The financial summary of last year's actuals and this year's forecast showing the day-to-day income and costs of St Peter's Church

## Income and Expenditure Account

	Actual 2020 (£)	Forecast 2021 (£)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Planned giving and gift aid	127,423	125,000
Income tax recoverable	25,180	28,000
General collections	4,135	5,000
Special collections	431	1,000
Donations and grants	36,296	110,000
Refreshment days and fundraising	7,069	5,000
Rental income and use of Church	6,765	10,000
Wayleave	832	1,000
Interest received	1,837	1,000
Wedding/funeral fees	590	2,000
Increase/(decrease) in investment value	1,266	-
Legacies	2,293	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>214,117</b>	<b>288,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Clergy expenses	2,785	3,500
Staff costs	37,122	48,000
Choir and music	4,628	6,000
Heating, lighting and water	23,475	22,000
Repairs and renewals	14,800	15,000
Photocopier and stationery	3,760	5,000
Insurance	7,951	8,000
General expenses	13,008	10,000
Telephone	1,200	1,000
Other groups	133	500
Investment management fees	833	1,000
Total parish expenditure	109,695	120,000
Diocesan share	159,838	160,000
Donations	3,050	3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>272,583</b>	<b>283,000</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>(58,466)</b>	<b>5,000</b>
Surplus (Deficit) brought forward (see accounts)	25,962	(2,500)
Transfer from reserve	30,000	-
<b>DEFICIT CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>(2,504)</b>	<b>2,500</b>

## St Peter's Parish Walk

Thank you so much to those of you who have said you would like to join in with the Parish Walk on 19<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone else would like to join in, please could you let Helen Harrison know by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, by email [hfhudy5@gmail.com](mailto:hfhudy5@gmail.com) or text 07879 877353.

The walk can be adapted so that you can go only as far as you, your family, friends or dog would like - on foot, bike, scooter, mobility scooter, pushchair, backpack or lead! Let's just enjoy exploring our beautiful town and surrounding area together.

St Peter's Players present

# Oliver!

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021

We need sound engineers, set designers, singers, actors, stagehands, costume designers and wardrobe, makeup artists, welcomers

Please contact John Hain

[jmhain@gmail.com](mailto:jmhain@gmail.com) to find out more.

**Consider yourself one of us!**

## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (13<sup>th</sup> June) will be noon on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please send any items (including photos) to Chris Clayton **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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You can join us online  
or in person

**New to St Peter's?** Please give your contact details to one of the Clergy after the service.