

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

## Treasurers Report For Parish Council Meeting 21st May 2024

2023 was a fairly good year for our church. We enjoyed 4 fund raising events, which started in May with our Celebration of the Coronation with tea and cake and a crown competition for the children. In July, although our BBQ day was somewhat damp to say the least we decamped to inside church, thus realising that our church could be used for some functions. In October we again enjoyed a very successful Harvest Lunch and we completed the year with another great success with our Carol Service by Candlelight. The candles being sold to all who wished to remember their loved ones.

Sadly last year we lost one of our stalwart members of the congregation, namely Ann Crowe. But Anne is not to be forgotten, because she had asked that from any money given at her funeral, she would like something to beautify the church. This was done in her memory, by us having had made a Purple Altar Frontal which is used during Advent and Lent. This Altar Frontal now completes the set of Liturgical Seasonal colours thanks to Anne's generous thoughts.

All in all, 2023 was a pretty reasonable year for our Church.

Looking forward to 2024 we have planned five fund raising events, they are Quiz Night which happened in April, of which from the profit we managed to donate £24.00 to the Memorial Hall Boiler fund.

Our forthcoming funds raising event will be our Celebration of St Peter's Tide with Cream Tea at a cost of £5.00 per person and will take place from 3.00pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, and we shall be inviting the good people of St Peter's Horton to share this occasion, we hope that residents of our village will come along to enjoy a lovely celebration. On 27<sup>th</sup> July from 12.30 until 2.30pm our annual BBQ takes place and then on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October our Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch in Church and to round the year off our annual Commemorative Candle Carol Service. All are very welcome to come along to any of our fund raisers and of course any of our services.

With regard to services, this year we have changed the time of both Evensong and Songs of Praise, both now take place at 4.00pm and are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays respectively.

During the year we have also received two very generous donations, one of £1000 which was to be split 50 50 between the General Fund and the Restoration Fund, and we also received from a funeral collection the sum of £500.00, which again was specified for the Restoration Fund, therefore the Restoration Fund now stands at £7864.98, which may mean we could look into having the French Drain put in place thus hopefully alleviating the damp which is slowly but surely damaging the north wall. We are still a very long way from the quoted £300,000.00 needed to restore the roof and the floor.

Thankfully within our congregation we have a small group of people who are very hands on and to the very best of our ability we try to maintain the church keeping it as safe as possible. We have a dedicated band who clean regularly and keep the flowers looking fresh.

Our grateful thanks go to all who turned up for a Big Clean just before Easter, it made a huge difference to our church. Windows cleaned, cobwebs removed and lots of deep cleaning of the copious quantities of beautiful carving. I think also it was quite a fun morning, but our small garden area could really do with some TLC. If anyone likes to fiddle about in a garden, this little bit to the side of church would love to have someone to care for it, or perhaps you know of someone who might like to occasionally tidy it up keeping it looking loved. Church remains open daily, nominally from 10.00am to 4.00pm, but often during the summer months its left open later.

We thank the Parish council for keeping the grass in order and we look forward to news on maybe the path through the church yard being put in good order and the possibility of a wild area.

All in all, if things keep going the way they are, we should be able to enjoy a great 2024. I finish by thanking all for helping to take us from strength to strength and in so doing enabling us to share God's love, compassion and grace.

With my thanks,

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