ST PETER APOSTLE, LEAMINGTON SPA
MISSION STATEMENT

Situated in the heart of Leamington Spa, St. Peter's is a physical manifestation of mission and evangelisation. One of the oldest, most beautiful churches in the country, never mind the diocese, its very presence in the centre of the town serves to remind the community of God's love.

Since Covid, Mass attendance has increased. Over 300 people worship at St. Peter's on Sunday. The congregation is rich in its diversity, with individuals from all over the world worshipping at St. Peter's. Critically, a growing number of students from Warwick University who live in Leamington worship each week at St. Peter's. In addition to Mass, St. Peter's hosts children's liturgy, a monthly youth club, a young adults group and 'Pastimes', for older people.

Our vision for St. Peter's is grounded in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated with beauty and reverence and incorporating the strong choral tradition at St. Peter's. The population in Leamington and surrounding areas is growing. We anticipate continued growth in Mass attendance as individuals - young, old and in between - are attracted to our Church by the beauty of our worship, a joyful parish community and extensive charitable outreach.

Founded upon the celebration of Sunday Mass, we envision a parish community filled with the Holy Spirit, with daily Mass and regular opportunities for prayer, formation, confession, RCIA, sacramental preparation and worship led, where appropriate, by the laity. This spirit-filled community will go forth from St. Peter's to serve all our brothers and sisters in our families and communities - local, national and global. Building on the works of groups like SPAN (St. Peter's Aid to the Needy), St. Peter's will be a hub for a multitude of charitable endeavours, manifesting God's love to all.

Based on a strong track record of fundraising for specific needs (for example, replacement of the parish heating system in 2023) we are confident that with a growing, energised parish community, plus a clear understanding of what we are fundraising for, we will be able to raise funds for the parish through a programme of regular giving and ongoing fundraising initiatives. In addition, we will use the parishes' capital assets, including the presbytery and parish hall, to generate revenue to renovate St. Peter's Church, to provide a parish hall that serves the parish and wider community and to raise funds to support ongoing maintenance costs.

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