



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

UK Charity number: 1169510

(SPCDP)

## Strategic Plan 2023-2028

**Mission:** To renovate, restore, enhance and preserve St Peter's Church, Bournemouth including its historical chapel and grounds; in order to serve the community and help advance cultural capital, provide help to those in need and to aid people to succeed in contemporary society.

**Vision:** To develop a significant listed historic building, chapel and grounds bringing life-changing transformation to the community through art, culture, education, literature, music and philosophy.

**Values:** All can access its activities which encourages growth, celebrates diversity and encourages community participation.

St Peter's Church Development Project welcomes the community to engage, participate and benefit from St Peter's Church, its beautiful Chapel of the Resurrection and the historic grounds.

Alongside renovating and restoring this wonderful Victorian building, the charity seeks to make the building fit for modern and diverse community purposes. By creating a significant safe space the charity aims to transform peoples lives and the wider community through art, culture, education, literature, music and philosophy. The organisation is led and managed by local volunteers.

This strategic plan maps the aims of the charity, the factors which support and enable its achievements.

Our values and shared sense of responsibility to the community will ensure that the charity is capable of developing future opportunities to positively impact the town.



*St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth was built between 1844 and 1879 by the architect G.E Street and is the mother church of Bournemouth, located in the heart of the town centre.*

*The church celebrates the traditions of the Church of England with its rich 200-year choral tradition, choral foundation and magnificent historic organ. Its prominent spire is one of the town's major landmarks. The church is open daily, allowing visitors to wander in, pray, explore the building for themselves or simply just "be" in this beautiful haven which boasts stunning architecture, reredos and exquisite wall and ceiling paintings.*

*Our community café provides a comfortable setting for remote working, meeting new friends or simply taking time out of life's hustle and bustle. The grounds include a nature trail and heritage trail informing about the many famous poets, writers, musicians and pioneers buried here.*



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# AIMS

## A1.0 To renovate, restore, enhance and preserve St Peter’s Church, chapel and grounds by:

- A1.1 Developing its fundraising approach and securing funding to maintain the significant historical features and elements of the buildings/grounds.
- A1.2 Developing a centre for the celebration of literature, art, culture and music.
- A1.3 Working closely with community/voluntary teams and non-statutory organisations.

## A2.0 To encourage collaboration with inclusive activity to benefit the community by:

- A2.1 Improving cultural education and cultural capital to help equip people with the tools needed to succeed in contemporary society and help improve mental well-being.
- A2.2 Promoting art, music and literature through the provision of exhibitions, theatrical and music events.
- A2.3 Provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation, leisure time and the community cafe.

## A3.0 To improve the conditions of life for the residents and the wider community by providing:

- A3.1 Facilities for meetings, lectures, exhibitions and classes.
- A3.2 Facilities for arts performances, including but not limited to plays, recitals and music concerts.
- A3.3 Facilities for the relief of the homeless, poor, elderly and in distress.

## A4.0 To promote historical education and faith exploration by:

- A4.1 Holding lectures, public celebrations of festivals and study classes.
- A4.2 Periodic bespoke events.
- A4.3 Engagement with local schools/colleges and storytelling of the historical significance of the Church, Chapel and grounds.

# STAKEHOLDERS

## S1.0 Charity beneficiaries can expect:

- S1.1 To be respected, valued and welcomed by all.
- S1.2 A unique and distinctive environment which is fit for purpose.
- S1.3 An inclusive organisation that welcomes the exploration and expression of the arts and faith.
- S1.4 Invitations to upcoming events and services which would be of interest.

## S2.0 Charity partners can expect:

- S2.1 A community-centred approach to preserving the features and contents of architectural significance.
- S2.2 A flexible and responsive organisation striving for excellence.
- S2.3 An organisation that encourages robust partnerships and collaborative working across all sectors to alleviate suffering and poverty in the community.
- S2.4 An evidence-based approach to historical learning and education.
- S2.5 Regular opportunities to connect with other providers of social welfare.

## S3.0 Charity volunteers can expect:

- S3.1 A clear understanding of their role and how it supports the strategy and success of the charity.
- S3.2 A supportive, collaborative and open culture that encourages teamwork and contribution of all individuals in achieving the aims of the charity.
- S3.3 To be kept informed about matters of importance to their role and the charity.

# ENABLERS

## E1.0 Valuing and developing our volunteers by:

- E1.1 Creating a culture of unity which operates an open, honest and inclusive environment.
- E1.2 Attracting like-minded volunteers with the skills, capacity and attitudes to enhance our team and community service.

## E2.0 Financial sustainability by:

- E2.1 Attracting appropriate funding to achieve current and evolving objectives.
- E2.2 Aligning investment with strategic priorities alongside charitable status and legal compliance.
- E2.3 Ensuring value for money, ethical investments and appropriate alignment with key partners.

## E3.0 Improving our understanding of community needs by:

- E3.1 Providing an inclusive and welcoming physical space for educational, recreational and spiritual engagement.
- E3.2 Developing and modernising our processes, facilities and communication.
- S3.3 Regularly assessing the needs of the local population whilst measuring outcomes and auditing the charity’s achievements.

## E4.0 Collaboration with external partners:

- E4.1 Partnering with external organisations.