

St Augustine of Canterbury, Belvedere



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL For the year ending December 2023

The parish is in interregnum.

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Mission Statement

*As a Parish Church, our task is to show God's love,
and new life to the community through sacramental worship,
scriptural teaching, Christian fellowship and outreach into the parish
& to make new disciples of Jesus Christ*

Background

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the parish priest, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the Church and hall.

Membership

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

During 2023 the following people have served as members of the PCC:

Chairperson:	Mrs Manda Dunne	2023 to 2024
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Wardens:	Mrs Manda Dunne	2023 to 2024
	Mr Ian Fitzgibbon	2023 to 2024

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:		
	Mr Keith Trutzenbach	2023 to 2026
	Mr Leroy Thomas	2023 to 2026

Elected members:		
	Mrs Caroline Addison	2023 to 2026
	Mr Mark Addison (Treasurer)	2021 to 2024
	Mr Stephen Brody	2023 to 2026
	Mr Nigel Dansey	2022 to 2025
	Mrs Donna Ducker (Secretary)	2023 to 2026
	Mrs Patricia Eldridge	2022 to 2025
	Mrs Heather McCulley	2023 to 2026
	Mr Edward Raymond	2021 to 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST AUGUSTINE, BELVEDERE

SIMPLE PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

<u>Income</u>					
Voluntary giving from collections					17,854
Income tax recovered					5,166
Donations					2,627
Summer and Winter Fairs and letting of Church Hall					10,654
Income for Organ					
Weddings and Funerals					1,175
Fundraising					2,579
Interest earned					0
Grants, lighting and Junior Church					0
					40,055
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Charitable Donations					783
Church running expenses					16,306
Clergy expenses & parish offer					16,981
Other expenditure					3,067
Expenditure on Organist					400
Vicarage costs					2,800
Transfer to deposit accounts					40,758
			Bank current Account Profit/(Loss) for the Year		703
			Money saved for church repairs to deposit accounts		2,800
			Interest earned		2,507
			Total movement in funds		4,604
	<u>Movement in bank accounts</u>				
	Current account				(703)
	CRFS B1301 A Hall S/A				3,687
	631051003D Deposit Fund				1,620
	Total movement in funds				4,604

Safeguarding Statement

The PCC has complied with section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Like all Church of England churches, **safeguarding and safer recruitment** are paramount. The PCC are committed to ensuring that our church and hall are safe places for all who use them. For more detailed information and guidance see the **Parish Safeguarding Handbook**. <https://www.rochester.anglican.org> and click on safeguarding. Produced by the National Safeguarding Team, it is a comprehensive guide, summarising the key areas a parish need to address with regards to safeguarding.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. It generally meets before PCC meetings to set agendas etc. The committee comprises the vicar, church wardens, deputy warden, treasurer and secretary of the PCC.

Safeguarding Committee

This committee was put in place in September 2016 to ensure that safeguarding procedures are followed correctly at all times. Members of the committee are the incumbent, Pat Eldridge, Heather McCulley (Parish Safeguarding Officer for children & vulnerable adults), Jo Whittle (DBS Lead Recruiter) and Donna Ducker (Parish Administrator/Deputy Lead Recruiter). The committee meets once a year.

Risk Management

The Child Protection Procedures are kept under review. Heather McCulley is the Parish Safeguarding Office and Jo Whittle the Parish Disclosure Officer.

The requirements of the Disclosure & Barring Service have been implemented and a rolling programme of disclosure for people currently requiring disclosure is in progress. DBS checks are required for all in contact with children & vulnerable adults.

All new people requiring disclosure are required to submit the necessary application form prior to undertaking work within the parish or attending PCC meetings.

Current DBS holders are Keith Trutzenbach, Manda Dunne, Heather McCulley, Mark Addison, Caroline Addison, Ian Fitzgibbon, Jo Whittle, Mark Whittle, Pat Eldridge, Donna Ducker, Nigel Dansey, Edward Raymond, Stephen Brody & Leroy Thomas.

All PCC members have undertaken a programme of foundation safeguarding training.

Financial Activities

A claim has been submitted to HMRC for Gift Aid Tax Recovery of £5,166 by Milton Sawyer, Gift Aid secretary. We gave small donations to various charitable causes during the year.

We are in a position to pay all utilities as well as part of our regular stipend, Church Repair fund and Parish Share to the Diocese.

The Parish has in place a Health and Safety Policy which all members of the church and hall hirer are to adhere to.

Church Attendance

In 2023 77 members were on the electoral roll of whom 52% are resident in the parish.

Activities of the Parochial Church Council.

In 2023 the PCC met 7 times with an average attendance of 75%.

ERITH DEANERY SYNOD

The synod met 3 times in 2023; a business meeting and Eucharist, a talk by Fr Neil Bunker on Mental Health Chaplaincy & a talk on children & families work by the Deanery Youth worker Lydia Fuller.

Parish Activities in 2023

- All Sunday services have been covered since Fr Clive left. We are extremely grateful to Fr Dane Battley-Gladden, Fr Owen Beament and Canon Paul Jenkins and for their ongoing cover and support covering Sunday masses and to Fr Neil Bunker for covering all midweek masses, home communions and many Sunday masses.
- Summer Fair held on 1st July, our first since before the pandemic. £1,200 raised for church funds.
- Winter Fair held on 25th November raised £1,300.

The parish remains under the episcopal oversight of the Bishop of Richborough. We are also affiliated to 'The Society' which provides collegiality on behalf of Forward in Faith.

The parish has been in interregnum since June 2022. Fr Kevin Smith was appointed vicar of the parish in December 2023 and will join us in July 2024.

Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church - for the year ending December 2023.

CHURCH BUILDING

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in 2018 (and January 2024)

There are maintenance agreements for the Fire Extinguishers, whilst the boilers are serviced annually. Cost of general maintenance is kept to a minimal cost due to some church members giving their time and skills. The Lightning Conductor is serviced every 3 years. An electrical test of church and hall together with PAT testing is carried out by a qualified electrician annually.

HALL

The fire extinguishers have been serviced under a maintenance agreement and the water heater repaired and maintained. The main doors and fire door need to be replaced and a faculty was applied for in December 2023 in order for this work to be undertaken.

Hall users:

St Augustine's Pre-School

Slimming World

Uniformed groups

Dance Teacher

All hall users agree to abide by our safeguarding policy.

We are grateful to Caroline Addison for maintaining the excellent condition of the hall and acting as hall rental secretary. The hall income was £11,000 in 2023.

Manda Dunne & Ian Fitzgibbon

Churchwardens