

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LYDD, ST. PETER'S, GREATSTONE AND THE SANCTUARY, DUNGENESS

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Details

Other names	THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, LYDD
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-03-29
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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£72,451	£75,658	-	-
2023-12-31	£81,298	£74,399	-	-
2022-12-31	£79,414	£72,630	-	-
2021-12-31	£82,158	£82,972	-	-
2020-12-31	£116,645	£309,648	-	-

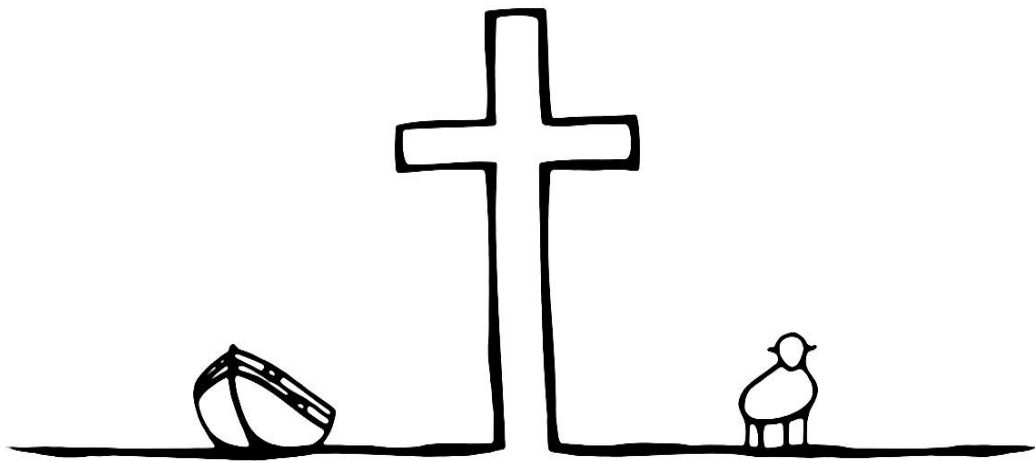
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Colin Andrew Fowle		2023-04-21
Derek George Ellis		2026-05-10
JOSEPH THOMAS BUTTERWORTH		2018-04-24
Jean Rosemary Moon		2022-04-27
Leslie Ronald Carter		2015-05-13
Margaret Elizabeth Mace		2022-05-15
Michael Botten		2022-04-27
PATRICIA MARY CARTER		2012-01-24
Rev Christopher Thomas Alan Hodgkins		2023-05-10
Rev Jack Rufus Greenhalf		2024-05-11
Sandra Ellis		2025-05-11

Accounts

**All Saints, Lydd with St Peter's , Greatstone
Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
of the Parochial Church Council**

For the Year ending 31st December 2024



Romney Marsh
Benefice

Notice is given that the Annual vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and PCC meeting will take place on 11th May 2025 after Morning service at All Saints, Lydd

AGENDA

1. Opening Worship
2. **Annual Vestry Meeting** – Election of Church Wardens
3. **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**
4. Apologies
5. Minutes of the 2024 Vestry and Parochial Council Meeting
6. Matters arising from those minutes
7. Receipt of Electoral Roll
8. Election of Deputy Church Wardens
9. Election of Deanery synod Representative
10. Election of PCC members
11. Election of Readers to the PCC
12. Election of Auditor
13. Election of Sidespersons
14. Treasurer's report and Presentation of Accounts
15. Presentation of Annual Report
16. Deanery Synod Report
17. Any Other Business
18. Date of next APCM
19. Closing Prayer
20. **PCC meeting**
21. Appointment of PCC Secretary
22. Election of Treasurer
23. Appointment of Standing Committee members
24. Future PCC dates

The parish of All Saints, Lydd with St. Peter's, Greatstone serves the communities of Lydd, Greatstone, Lydd on Sea and Dungeness. It is part of the Romney Marsh Benefice, located in the Marsh Deanery, and part of the Anglican Diocese of Canterbury.

The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, North Street, New Romney, TN28 8DR

The parish website is www.western-marsh-churches.co.uk

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charities Commission (reg. No.1146683) CCL licence 87558 (All Saints) and 655313 (St Peter's)

PCC Members who have served for the year covered by this report:

Revd Chris Hodgkins	<i>Rector</i>
Revd Jack Greenhalf	<i>Team Minister (from April)</i>
Les Carter	<i>Reader</i>
June Noakes	<i>Reader</i>
Mike Botten	<i>Church Warden + PCC Secretary</i>
Pat Carter	<i>Church Warden + Safeguarding Officer</i>
Colin Fowle	<i>Deputy Warden (From April 14th)</i>
Joe Butterworth	<i>PCC Treasurer + Gift Aid Secretary</i>
Nigel Evenden	<i>Electoral Roll Officer (non-attending)</i>
Sandra Ellis	<i>Deanery Synod Representative</i>

Elected Members (6 are permitted)

Margaret Mace

Jean Moon

Bank Account: Lloyds New Romney. Sort Code: 30-90-28, Account no. 01406745

independent Examiner

Charlotte Watkinson

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members may serve for 3 years and retire in rotation. At least one third of elected PCC members are required to be regular worshippers at All Saints and one third at St Peter's. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the wardens and the Vicar, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastorally, evangelistically, socially and ecumenically. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of churches and church hall buildings at Lydd and Greatstone.

The Church of England in Lydd, Greatstone and Dungeness worships God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We welcome all who seek God regardless of race, age, gender or sexual orientation. We affirm that the Church's mission, in obedience to Holy Scripture, is to proclaim the unfailing love of God in every generation. We are two churches in a team of fourteen churches in the Romney Marsh Benefice serving our community through prayer and friendship.

Standing Committee

Vicar, Wardens and deputy wardens and treasurer. This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the church Council.

All Saints Lydd with St Peter's Greatstone

APCM 14th April 2024

Minutes

Present: Revd Chris Hodgkins, Mike Botten, Pat Carter, Colin Fowle, Les Carter, Christopher Aubrey, David+Sue Parrott, Des+Sandra Ellis, Nigel+Anne Evenden, Joe +Rita Butterworth, Anrea+Andree Fowle, Norma Oakeley, Alice Boxall, Margaret Evans, Margaret Mace, Lorraine Botten, Holly Haselgrove, David Newgres, Vicki Dawson, Val Blanchard, Alison Brown

Worship: As we had all just attended Morning services Revd Chris spoke briefly about who else was in the room when Jesus appeared to the disciples. Were we?

Election: Mike Botten and Pat Carter were elected Church Wardens. Colin Fowle was elected deputy Warden. All unanimous.

Apologies: Sybil Kelt, Tricia McCarthy, Yvonne Duke, Ian+Hilari Marriott, Jan Griffin, Barbara Woodward, Helen Price, Janet Beale, Kathy Blunt, Mariam Pucknell, Georgie Pallett, June Noakes

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Circulated, and accepted – Proposed Nigel, Seconded Alice. Agreed nem con.

No matters arising.

Electoral Roll: One down, two up – now 86. Revd Chris said next year a completely new roll will start.

Reports; Accepted as printed. Treasurer reported that 2023 was quite a good year but the coming months will be tough. A query about the new Giving scheme elicited that non-tax payers can continue putting money in the plate to earn Gift Aid on their donations.

Deanery Synod Representative: Les having come to the end of his 3-year term, Sandra Ellis stepped up. Revd Chris reminded of the importance of this role. The new Deanery now exists and new funding arrangements have come with it. Each parish needs to have a Parish Plan which is taken to the Deanery and thence to the Diocese. The parish Deanery Rep has to be involved in each project from the start. Penny Lowe can advise on setting up the Parish Plan. Revd Chris thanked Les for his hard work.

Auditor: Charlotte Watkinson is willing to be the Examiner for the coming year.

Chairman: Thanks are due to Revd Chris Maclean for all he did in the benefice – especially his quiet work 'outside the box'. Revd Jack Greenhalf needs our prayers especially for the family as they settle and his child starting at a new school tomorrow.

Future Dates: Next Year's APCM – 11 May 12.30 after a service at All Saints.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 1.20 and was followed by lunch.

Brief PCC Meeting:

Standing Committee: Rector, Vicar, Vice Chair Pat, Mike, Colin, Joe

Dates: 10 June 2pm St Peter's Church: 16 Sept 2pm Lydd, 4 Nov 2pm St Peter's: 10 Feb 2pm Hardy Hall

All Saints Lydd with St Peter's Greatstone

Report for 2024

Electoral Roll: stands at 48

PCC Report

In addition to the APCM the Parochial Church Council met on 4 occasions, in June, September, November and May. Membership: Incumbent, Wardens and deputy wardens, Treasurer, Readers (by invitation at APCM), 1 member of St Peter's congregation, Deanery Synod Rep, Secretary.

Each meeting starts with a Bible reading and prayer, Minutes of the previous meeting are examined and matters arising from them are dealt with. The Ministry report is usually given by the incumbent and helps see a Marsh-wide perspective of church activity. David has worked hard this year, despite failing health, worked as Administrator as well as Web master and additional priest. The new benefice priest, Jack Greenhalf was appointed in November and joined the Benefice in April. His presence among us is most welcome and Jack is certainly making his presence felt in the local community.

Wardens and Deputies reported on their buildings and activities. Both churches had various issues, mostly with electrical work and occasional leaks.

The committee examines past events and reports on what has worked and what could be done differently. All Saints concerts, Christingle and remembrance services remain popular. St Peter's breakfasts are also very popular and the Sunday congregation remains steady.

Health and Safety are examined at each meeting and Safeguarding is very important, with meetings for the Co-ordinator and face-to-face training for members of the congregation without computers.

More members from each congregation need to join the PCC.

Auditor: Charlotte Watkinson examined and approved the accounts.

Sidesmen:

All Saints: Barbara Woodward, Pat Carter, Sheila Rabbetts, Vicki Dawson, Chris Aubrey, David Newgrosh
St Peter's: Carole Comber, Val Blanchard, Margaret Mace, Yvonne Duke

Ministry Report

APCM Clergy Report 2025

Looking back through 2024 it has become clear that is God at work in our benefice. We continued our 5th Sunday Benefice services and added a 3rd Sunday Benefice service due to continuing problems finding ministers to cover all the services on the rota. We have maintained a good attendance at these services. Treasurers, Church Wardens and Ministry Leadership Team meetings continue to be both useful and encouraging, bringing us groups together to share news of what is happening across the benefice and to provide space for listening as well as speaking. Helen Sanderson's ministry as an Anna Chaplain working in our Care Homes has gathered pace and there is now a need to train Anna Friends. My thanks go to Reverend Sheila MacLachlan and to Helen for this vital ministry those who have joined them and those already engaged in this vital pastoral work.

Reverend David Parrott stepped down as our Benefice Administrator due to ill health but continues to put the rota together we talk regularly meetings and reflect on where the benefice is growing God's Kingdom.

Work in our Schools and with our young people has quickened pace as all of our Primary Schools receive regular visits from the church. We didn't have a Confirmation service in November, but it is hoped we will have one in the New Year.

Romney Marsh Youth Space launched in September in New Romney Methodist Church. This is an ecumenical project with the Methodist Church and the Community Church in New Romney. Its aim was to provide a safe space for pupils from the Marsh Academy after school hours. Sadly, we had to close before

Christmas due to behavioural issues. The committee held a meeting, and a decision was made to work with younger children, Yrs 5 and 6, at the Community Church. We launch again in January 2025.

Sandra Ellis was commissioned as our Authorized Lay Minister for Youth Work, Des her husband was also commissioned as an ALM, and we are looking at models of ministry with young adults so we can continue to work with our teenagers.

As ever, this is just a flavour of how God is working across the benefice, and I know there are many more local examples of how our churches are engaging with the communities they serve.

Reverend Jacky continued her long-term compassionate leave, it is hoped that she will be able to return to ministry.

Reverend Jack Greenhalf joined us as our new Team Vicar working with the Ministry Leadership Team across the benefice. He and Chrissy, together with their family arrived in April and he was licenced in May. Jack's ministry has grown at a huge pace as he minister's primarily in Lydd. He will be looking at ministry across the benefice during 2025

My thanks go to our Church Wardens for their patience and willingness, our PCC's who manage our churches and keep us all going, our choirs and organists, bell ringers, flower arrangers, cleaners and all who quietly volunteer in whatever capacity in our churches, I couldn't do my job without you.

Thank you for all that you continue to do in the life of your churches and the wider benefice.

Chris Hodgkins.

Safeguarding

As Safeguarding Officer and Disclosures Officer for the Parish (not including Licensed Ministers), I have kept up to date with the requirements as specified via the Diocese Safeguarding Section and I am pleased to report that where appropriate, people have positively responded to undertaking the necessary training and any necessary disclosure checks. I am confident that we, as a Parish, are compliant with the requirements. However, this is an ongoing task as all training needs to be repeated on a 3-yearly cycle, and also as people undertake new tasks the correct procedures must be followed. Safeguarding Officers at the Diocese remain on hand for any queries. The need for continuous vigilance cannot be understated. The training and clearance checks for Licensed Ministers is the direct responsibility of the Diocese. I regularly take part in on-line meetings as requested by the Diocese.

Pat Carter

Treasurer's Report and Accounts (Attached)

Our churches and halls ended 2024 with a deficit of £3,207 on a turnover of £75,000. We were not far from breaking even, but doing so becomes more difficult as costs rise and our income struggles to keep up. Our Parish Share is up this year (2025) by 12%, following a 15% increase in 2024. Most other costs are doing something similar.

As Treasurer I am grateful for all the time, effort and enthusiasm that goes into our various fund-raising efforts, but the bedrock of our income is the amounts we give to our church, week by week, month by month. Please review, and keep reviewing, those amounts, remember why we're here and who we're serving, and our church will not just survive but flourish. My full report and a copy of the year-end accounts are attached to this Annual Report.

Wardens' Report for All Saints' and St Peter's 2024

The year got off to a good start with broadband being installed, which allowed us to then opt for a card reader, which was offered at a discount as part of a Diocesan scheme. It's been in use for several months now and has produced a healthy income for the church, mainly from casual visitors.

The CCTV system was extended and now covers the entire church. Minor vandalism is still happening occasionally, but the incidences are fewer and not too serious. We have identified some of the perpetrators from the CCTV footage. We have taken no action so far, but the footage will greatly assist us to pursue a case against an individual, should we decide to. We are keen to engage with the local youngsters in a positive way, hoping that they will appreciate the building and what it represents, and possibly even take some responsibility for ensuring its future as a community asset. Whilst on the subject of vandalism, I was happy to report earlier in the year that Colin (Fowle) from Greatstone, repaired the damaged warden's wand and it looks splendid.

We had more water ingress into the bell chamber, which has been dealt with now, and the CCTV system has been adapted so that the ringers can use it to see what's happening in the church, which is a huge help with weddings and funerals, when bells are required.

The clock has been repaired after one of the winding motors failed, and we are grateful for the donation that was made to cover the cost.

Sadly, we lost our Musical director and choir mistress, Frances, early in the year, which was a huge loss for the church as a whole. Mike has stepped into the role of choir director, but sadly, we now have no pianist or organist. Such people are very hard to find these days!

The big news is that a new benefice minister arrived and took up residence in Lydd. Although he's not our parish priest, Jack fulfils that role at least in part, along with Chris and the rest of the ministry team. Jack and Chrissy have already made their mark on the locality with Jack beginning his ministry and Chrissy starting up a mother and toddler group in the Hardy Hall, which seems to be very popular.

Something else that is very positive is that the local school is using the church for its celebration services (Easter, Christmas, end of term etc.) and such services are well attended. I hope that this will continue and that people who don't attend other services will feel more at ease coming into the church.

Special events for the local children, organised by the church, at Christmas and Easter have been reasonably well attended too, which is lovely to see.

There have been many events this year – Harvest Supper, May Day, Christmas Fayre, Gurkhas and Haywardians concerts, so the building is being used for community events and the reordering of the interior has been an added benefit to making such events easier to manage.

There have been special services at Christmas, the civic service, remembrance along with the weddings and funerals that happen throughout the year. We have also supported the many Ukranian soldiers that have visited Lydd for training, by hosting special services for them, by Ukranian priests in their own language, along with the open invitation they have to attend our usual Sunday services. Our ministry team also preside at the lifeboat service.

Alongside our Sunday services, our ministers and congregation take an active part in the regular United Benefice Services.

We have also enjoyed some social events such as our barbecue and garden party (despite the weather!) and of course the annual 'Ride and Stride' event.

There is much work going on, much of it unseen, some with the general upkeep of the buildings and some with our ministry to the people of the parish. There are lots of people involved in the life of our parish and they are far too many to thank individually, but please know that your work is valuable and recognised. Thank you for anything you do, no matter how big or small, in our parish and to the glory of God.

All Saints Bell Ringers

We now have ten regular ringers, which has meant we can ring all eight bells. We had quite a busy year – ringing for most Sunday services. We also rang for the licensing service for Reverend Jack Greenhalf in April and the D-Day 80th anniversary in June. There were three weddings and one funeral and visiting bands from Thanet and Ash and 3 quarter peals rung by visitors. Remembrance Day ringing was half - muffled as usual. We rang to welcome in and celebrate the 2025 New Year. Ringing at Brookland has continued once a month for Evensong.

In April 2024 an ART M1 ringing teacher training course was hosted at Lydd, attended by 14 people from all over Kent and East Sussex.

Nicky Jones liaised with Carl from New Romney to set up some ringing training on a Tuesday evening for new recruits. Over the time the sessions were run we had six interested people attending, some dropped out but two, Angela and Theresa, have stayed with us and now ring on Sundays and other occasions.

At the AGM in February 2025 Margaret Alflatt, our tower Captain for 12 years stepped down and transferred to the post of Ringing Master. Margaret is thanked for her 12 years of service, and we hope that she continues for many more years as Ringing Master. Nicky Jones was elected as our new Tower Captain.

Finance:

The Parish Treasurer audited the Lydd bell ringers 2023-24 accounts in April 2024, and all was reported as OK. Gordon Gaunt stood down as treasurer when the accounts were audited. The process to change the signatories took some time and was not completed until December 2024. So, there was not much expenditure during the year, though a donation was made to the church for heating and a donation to the Kent Bell Restoration Fund.

Steeple Keeping:

Our Steeple Keeper, Roger, attended a “Bell Maintenance” presentation by the KCACR Bell Restoration Officer in July 2024 and has been gaining more experience helping Taylor & Co with an overhaul of the bells and belfry at Tonbridge. Following this the bell maintenance checklists were revamped and are now more comprehensive and more specific to the bells we have at Lydd Tower.

The annual Bell Maintenance Check was carried out on 8th October 2025. A number of issues were found, some were just down to ageing - others are “more wear and tear”. The two most urgent items were the runner guards on No.5 and on No.7, the latter was rubbing on the bell causing a substantial groove to be worn on the lip. Both of these were fixed. The other minor issues noted at the inspection have also been addressed.

Since the inspection:

Two stays have been replaced – No 3 and No 5.

Further non-urgent repairs have been carried out: The runner guard and stop on No 2, Placing permanent stops at the ends of the runner on No 8 to replace the temporary “padding” on the stay; Repairing the runner and runner guard that had split the wood on No 6.

The louvre window in belfry has been fixed and this, together with work carried out by the church on the roof, means that the belfry has remained dry and the stairs no longer flood with water. The window frames in the ringing room would need some work in the future – the situation will be monitored.

The old set of muffles have been refurbished and we can now fully muffle the bells if necessary.

In future our steeple keeper will carry out a maintenance check every 6 months.

The chimera sanctus bell that could be rung from the lobby of the church has been disconnected as it has probably been pulled incorrectly and has damaged the bell.

The tinkle bell that was rung from the lobby to communicate when brides etc arrived in church has also now been disconnected as we have access to the CCTV images on a monitor in the ringing room.

All the rope tails with the exception of 7 & 8 are getting dirty/grubby and worn and need to be either repaired or replaced.

All Saints Choir

The choir remains steady, despite some ups and downs this year. We had a new member join and subsequently leave, and the rest of the choir turn up as and when their work or personal situations allow.

We have learned some new stuff this year – several new songs which we enjoy singing during the communion service, Mike introduced his Ukulele this year and some of us have learned new skills, like carrying the cross and even acting as thurifer!

We hosted another successful harvest supper this year, feeding and entertaining our parishioners with hot food and hot music (no, not really!). Bit it was fun.

We entertained at the garden party/BBQ held at Les and Pat's house in the summer, on probably one of the wettest days possible! It was also fun.

We are constantly striving to improve our musical contribution with new songs and expanding our repertoire not only as a choir, but as a church too.

Mike writes the hymn lists, by and large, using established resources to match the hymns to the lectionary, and including both the older and much loved traditional hymns alongside more modern worship songs. New musicians and singers are always welcome!

Our aim for the coming year is to try and find funding for new robes and to continue to try to lead and inspire our congregation in their musical worship of Jesus Christ

Hardy Hall

Bookings for the Hardy Hall continue to be steady with continued regular paid hire by CARM, the 6Cs Craft Group and Toddler Football. Friends of Lydd Museum continue their monthly evening meetings and we have regular hirings by a Yoga group and a Dance group. We now have a Monday Morning toddler group to support parents with young children now that the Children's Centre in Lydd has been closed. The Monthly Saturday lunches hosted by the church continue. The Food Pantry (often known as Food Bank) has now relocated to All Saints' church every Monday morning. The Hall was also used for voting at elections.

Gentle reminders are being used with group users to remind them to leave the hall in a state where other users can come in and not have to clean up before they can use the hall.

The improvements carried out continue to be appreciated and the hall is currently in a good state for hirers. Regular cleaning of the hall and the hall external windows is in place. There has been an inspection of the electrical system and all necessary work identified by this inspection will soon be completed.

We give thanks to Maggie and Lynn for managing the hall on the church's behalf.

Lunches

The church has been providing lunches once a month since October 2006 to provide people living on their own with a good lunch in company at a reasonable cost. Lunches are provided at both Lydd and Greatstone. These lunches are well-received by many in the community.

At All Saints', where the lunches take place in the Hardy Hall, we are fortunate to have various helpers from the community who both help with the workload and provide good interactions with those attending. Every lunch starts with a prayer giving thanks to God.

Report of St Peter's Activities

St Peter's Drop In group

The Drop-in group meet on Wednesday mornings in the church hall during school term time from 8.30 – 10.30am. Set up for parents and children wanting to meet up with others caring for pre -school children and babies, some still continue to drop in regularly after their children reach school age. Toys, puzzles and books are always available and we try to vary this with crafts, colouring and food based activities. No charge is made for attending, most give small donations that help to cover the cost of refreshments.

Our numbers remain consistently at 6/ 10 adults with a similar number of children. This group has continued thanks to the dedication and hard work of Jean Moon and Margaret Mace with the assistance of Maggie Smart who steps in to cover holidays and sickness. The group is friendly and supportive and is a vital part of our outreach to the younger generation in our community. If anyone from our church fellowship feels able to help with this group we would be keen to hear from you. Some highlights for the year were Easter egg and Easter story books given to our little ones. A family morning held on the first day of the summer holidays for older siblings to join in the fun. Making wooden nativity cribs for the children to take home and keep, and welcoming Sybil Kelt to our pre -Christmas meeting, Sybil was a founder of the group it was good for her to meet our current members.

St Peter's Sunday lunches

The Monthly Sunday Lunches for our more elderly and infirm church goers and members of Pebbles memory café as continued throughout 2024, they are now held on the 4th Sunday each month after the introduction of a regular benefice service on the 3rd Sunday. The price increased in January to £5 each, for this we provide a two course meal with fruit juice followed with tea and coffee. Two people Alison Brown and Margaret Mace have alternated responsibility for cooking each month with Rita Butterworth stepping in when required and regularly providing desserts. Jean and John Moon and Jack Mace usually form the back up team, serving the meals and clearing up. In mid-December instead of our usual Sunday lunch a pre-Christmas meal was held at The Jolly Fisherman, Greatstone, for this a big thank you goes to Mimi, Lee and their crew for the excellent meal and professionalism dealing with a medical emergency which thankfully had a happy outcome.

St. Peter's Garden

Little has changed in the enclosed area behind the church hall during 2024 except that with more rainfall than other years the wild flowers and weeds threatened to overwhelm us at times. A small group of volunteers tried their best and in the autumn managed to most of the extra growth. A decision was made at a St Peters committee meeting that if this happens again in the future the gardener that clears around the front of the church will be asked to trim it. The proposed Mosaic of St Peter planned to hang in the garden has not progressed due to ill health, but hopefully in the future a way will be found to progress this project. The other change to the exterior of the church hall during the year was the instillation of AED Resuscitation Equipment, kindly donated for the use of the community by the Pebbles Memory café. To cover the ongoing service charge to maintain this a small increase will be made for the hall users in January 2025.

Chaplain's Report (Dungeness 'B' Chaplaincy)

Les has continued to make regular visits to Dungeness B Power Station as their Chaplain. His visits are generally 2 or 3 times a month, apart from holiday periods. During his visits, Les talks to staff about any issue they wish. The purpose of the Chaplaincy is to provide a visible and available Christian presence in the work environment. Les is well received, and although most of the time is about a presence, trivial discussions and building relationships, various deeper discussions have taken place, and Les judges that a continued presence is valuable and worthwhile. The 'B' Station is in a phase of defueling, and some staff are considering how this affects their medium to long-term future.

Deanery Representative Report for 2024

Deanery Synod Report 2024-2025

The bedrock of our quarterly meetings

- Evening Prayer
- Dwelling in the Word

Finance

Parish Share for 2025 with the possibility of a 5% rise. Rev Chris H advised there is a document available on the Diocese Website – Demystifying the Parish Share – which explains what the funds pay for and what comes back to the parishes.

Deanery Plan

- Splitting into smaller deanery's simplifying the plan and sharing resources
- Parish plans to feed into Deanery plan
- Blue sky thinking about future needs and wishes.
- The planning process for the Deanery plan we need to consider the funding required for what we do plus extra to provision growing the Kingdom of God

CH shared a proposed Deanery Plan which is structured around the Diocese three bold outcomes and made simpler, including GAM's – Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG). (attached)

Each year will focus on one of the bold outcomes.

- 2025 will be a year of planning for revitalisation.
- 2026 each parish, benefice and deanery should show signs of revitalization and be planning for the year of children and young disciples.
- 2027, steps to double the number of children and young disciples, whilst also planning for the year of new Christian communities.
- 2028, the building of new Christian communities.
- 2029 will be a year of celebration.

The proposed plan to be shared with PCCs and DCCs which the Parish Plans will feed into the Deanery Plan.

- Suggestion of Mission to be discussed at a separate meetings from the PCC and DCC meetings.
- Mission prayer printed on the proposed Deanery Plan to be used at every opportunity.
- The plan needs to be the voice of the PCC and the church community
- Parish and Deanery Planning (report attached to this document)

It is important to have a Deanery Plan as it affects funding. The Deanery Grant is ceasing. The Tracker has been introduced by the Diocese, and it is hoped people will find it easy to use. Parishes are encouraged to keep working on their Parish Plans which should include any plans for big refurbishments or improvements.

Follow-up Meeting

Group Discussions took place regarding:

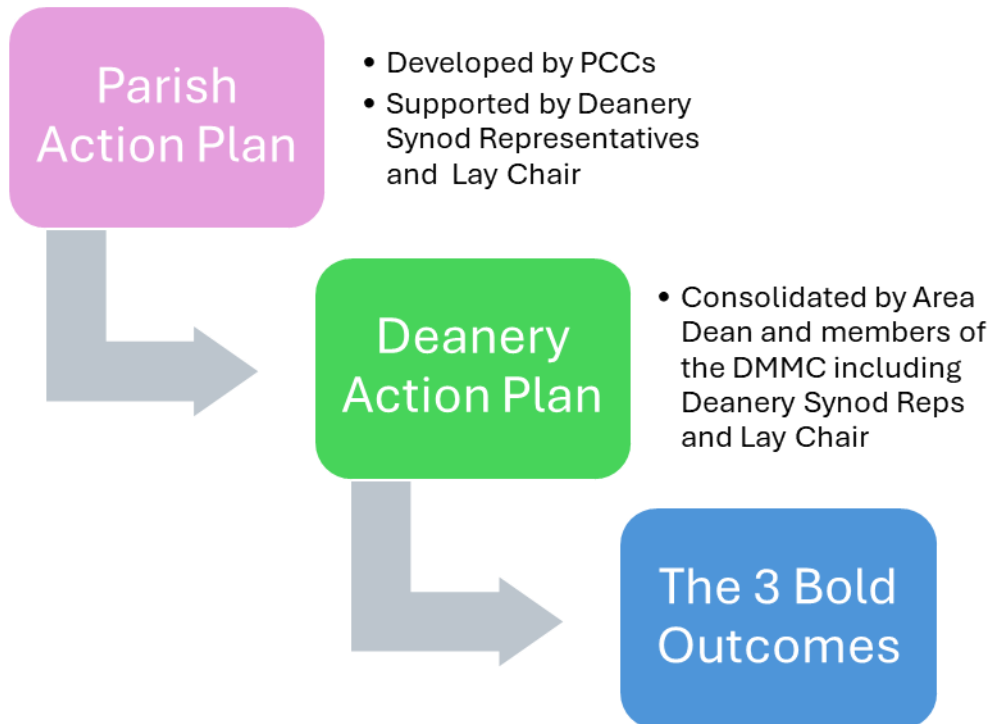
- How are our parishes engaging with mission?
- What are we doing to engage our community?
- What is your understanding of 'Mission' in today's context, locally and in the world?
- How will your understanding of mission help or hinder revitalisation in your parish, benefice or deanery

The Deanery Synod Roadshow

visited on Monday 7th October led by Bishop Rose and those heading up key areas across the dioceses facilitating groups for discussion and education

The 3 bold outcomes:

- **Doubling the number of children and young disciples**
- **200 new Christian communities in the Diocese**
- **Every parish, benefice and deanery showing signs of revitalisation**



A busy year not least because of the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury which impacted Rev. Chris ability to attend all meetings.

Clear plans with supporting actions to maintain all we are doing and facilitate growth across the Deanery

NB: The Romney Deanery Plan and 'Demystifying Parish Share' are available separately upon request.

Sandra Ellis

Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Lydd and St. Peter's Church, Greatstone

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned Giving	22,100	120	-	22,220	24,300
Collections at services	10,788		-	10,788	9,308
Grants for projects	381		-	381	1,160
All other voluntary receipts	7,794		-	7,794	15,114
Gift Aid recovered	7,845		-	7,845	7,752
	48,908	120	0	49,028	57,634
Activities for generating funds	5,698			5,698	6,658
Investment & rental income	311	155		466	395
Church Activities	15,357	1,794		17,151	16,409
Other Income: insurance claim				0	0
Increase in value of Investment Funds			109	109	202
Total Receipts	70,273	2,069	109	72,451	81,298
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Parish Share	30,249			30,249	26,361
Clergy and staffing costs	2,208			2,208	1,419
Church running expenses	27,975			27,975	25,778
Hall running costs	6,048			6,048	5,816
Mission giving and donations	2,328	1,846		4,174	4,300
Reduction in value of Investment Funds				0	0
Church major repairs	4,474			4,474	10,205
	73,282	1,846	0	75,128	73,878
Costs of generating funds	530	-	-	530	521
Total Payments	73,812	1,846	0	75,658	74,399
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(3,539)	223	109	(3,207)	6,899
Transfer between funds				0	0
	(3,539)	223	109	(3,207)	6,899
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January	29,270	13,732	3,595	46,597	39,698
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec	25,731	13,955	3,704	43,390	46,597

Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Lydd and St. Peter's Church, Greatstone
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Balance Sheet, notes and financial policies for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

<u>Monetary Funds</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Lloyds - Current account	20,707	10,991		31,698	35,387
Cash on hand	370			370	370
CBF C of E Deposit Fund	4,654	2,964		7,618	7,245
Fixed interest shares			3,704	3,704	3,595
Net Current Assets	25,731	13,955	3,704	43,390	46,597

Restricted Funds

	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Closing</u>
Restricted Funds	13,238	275	0	13,513
Mission giving and fees due	494	1,794	1,846	442
Total	13,732	2,069	1,846	13,955

Notes

1) The endowment fixed interest shares are held as follows:-

Anscome general purpose 171 shares	255.00	
Balfour Trust restoration fund 270 shares	402.62	
Vidler general purpose 151 shares	225.17	
H J Blacklock organ & choir fund 470 shares	700.86	
E M Gill-Ballard general purpose 470 shares	700.86	
A Finn organ & choir fund 789 shares	1,176.56	
Dungeness sanctuary 163 shares	243.07	<u>£3,704.14</u>

2) Other than consecrated and beneficed property the PCC owns two church halls, St Peters Hall and Hardy Hall with a combined value of £780,000 at the last survey undertaken in 2020 by Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc (EIO).

Policies

Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice .

Reserves

The PCC does not have a formal policy on reserves but currently holds more than six times the average monthly expenditure related to the work of the church in 2024 (excluding major repairs).

Approved by the Parochial Church Council (AGM) 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. C Hodgkins
Chairman and Team Rector

Mr J Butterworth
Hon Treasurer

Mrs Charlotte M Watkinson
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PCC of All Saints' Lydd with St Peter's Greatstone

I have examined your books and relevant papers for the year ending 31st December 2024. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

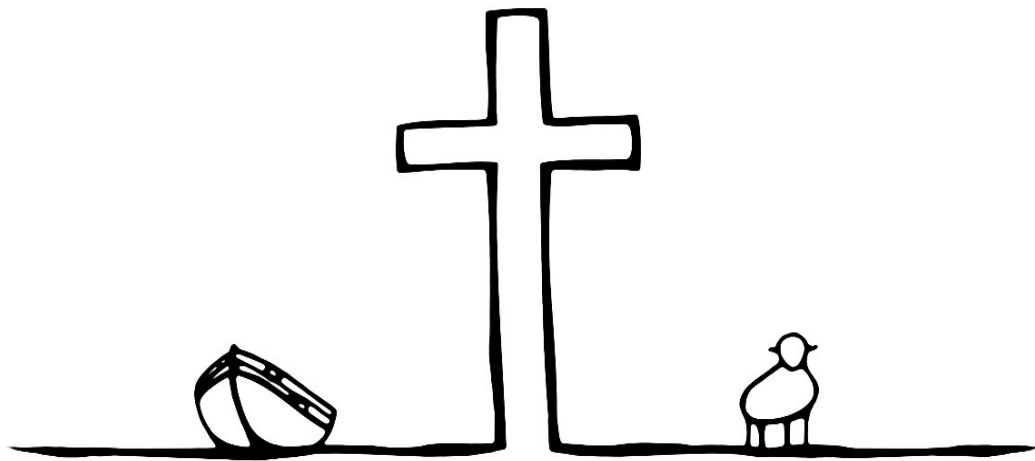


Charlotte M Watkinson 17/2/25

Accounts

**All Saints, Lydd with St Peter's , Greatstone
Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
of the Parochial Church Council**

For the Year ending 31st December 2023



Romney Marsh
Benefice

Notice is given that the Annual vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on 14th April after Morning Worship at St Peter's

AGENDA

1. Opening Worship
2. **Annual Vestry Meeting** – Election of Church Wardens
3. **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**
4. Apologies
5. Minutes of the 2023 Vestry and Parochial Council Meeting
6. Matters arising from those minutes
7. Receipt of Electoral Roll
8. Election of Deputy Church Wardens
9. Election of Deanery synod Representative
10. Election of PCC members
11. Election of Readers to the PCC
12. Election of Auditor
13. Election of Sidespersons
14. Treasurer's report and Presentation of Accounts
15. Presentation of Annual Report
16. Deanery Synod Report
17. Any Other business (notice to be given to the Church Wardens)
18. Future Dates
19. Closing Prayer
20. Brief PCC meeting

The parish of Lydd with Greatstone serves the communities of Lydd, Greatstone, Lydd on Sea and Dungeness. It is part of the Romney Marsh Benefice, located in the Deanery of Tenterden and Romney Marsh, now called the Marsh Deanery, and part of the Anglican Diocese of Canterbury.

The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, North Street, New Romney, TN28 8DR

The parish website is www.western-marsh-churches.co.uk

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charities Commission (reg. No.1146683) CCL licence 87558 (All Saints) and 655313 (St Peter's)

PCC Members who have served for the year covered by this report:

Revd Chris Maclean	<i>PCC Chairman</i>	<i>Incumbent (until 31 July)</i>
Revd Chris Hodgkins		<i>Rector</i>
Revd Jacky Darling		<i>Associate Priest</i>
Les Carter		<i>Reader + Deanery Synod Rep</i>
June Noakes		<i>Reader</i>
Mike Botten		<i>Church Warden</i>
Jean Moon		<i>Deputy Warden (until Dec 1st)</i>
Colin Fowle		<i>Deputy Warden (From April 14th)</i>
Joe Butterworth		<i>PCC Treasurer + Gift Aid Secretary</i>
Pat Carter		<i>Warden from April 14th + Safeguarding Officer</i>
Rita Butterworth		<i>PCC Secretary</i>
Nigel Evenden		<i>Electoral Roll Officer (non-attending)</i>

Elected Members (9 are permitted)

Margaret Mace

Bank Account: Lloyds New Romney. Sort Code: 30-90-28, Account no. 01406745

David Jarman	<i>Independent Auditor until April 2023</i>
Charlotte Watkinson	<i>independent Examiner</i>

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members may serve for 3 years and retire in rotation. At least one third of elected PCC members are required to be regular worshippers at All Saints and one third at St Peter's. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the wardens and the Vicar, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastorally, evangelistically, socially and ecumenically. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of churches and church hall buildings at Lydd and Greatstone.

The Church of England in Lydd, Greatstone and Dungeness worships God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We welcome all who seek God regardless of race, age, gender or sexual orientation. We affirm that the Church's mission, in obedience to Holy Scripture, is to proclaim the unfailing love of God in every generation. We are two churches in a team of fourteen churches in the Romney Marsh Benefice serving our community through prayer and friendship.

Standing Committee

Vicar, Wardens and deputy wardens and treasurer. This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the church Council.

All Saints Lydd with St Peter's Greatstone

Minutes of the APCM March 12th 2023

Present: Revd Chris Hodgkins, Mike Botten, Loraine Botten, Jean Moon, Colin Fowle, Andrea Fowle, David Parrott, Sue Parrott, Les Carter, June Noakes, Joe Butterworth, Rita Butterworth, Vicki Dawson, David Newgrost, Carole Comber, Nigel Evenden, Anne Evenden, Margaret Evans, Sandra Ellis

Apologies: Pat Carter, Revd Chris+Melanie Maclean, Helen Sanderson, Val Butt, P Rogers, Chris+Frances Aubrey, S Rabbetts, Barbara Woodward, Des Ellis, Alison Brown, Margaret Mace, Maggie Smart, Hilari Marriott, Yvonne Duke, Norma Oakeley, Val Blanchard, Beryl Taylor, Sybil Kelt, Tricia McCarthy, Sarah Sayer, Alice Boxall

Revd Chris Hodgkins read the day's OT lesson about God going before us and striking the rock for water, then prayed.

Election of Warden: Pat Carter: proposed by June Noakes, seconded by Rita Butterworth. All agreed.

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted

Matters arising: Revd Chris asked that the word 'vicar' be changed to 'incumbent'. Nigel clarified that although he is Electoral Roll Officer, he does not attend PCC meetings

Electoral Roll: Currently stands at 89

Deputy Wardens: Jean Moon and Colin Fowle

PCC Members: No change

Readers: June Noakes proposed by Revd Chris, seconded and acclaimed by all. Les Carter, as Deanery Synod Rep is automatically included.

Auditor: A new one is needed as David Jarman can no longer do it. It was suggested that Joe and another benefice treasurer could examine each other's accounts. Joe to approach Charlotte.

Sidespersons: No change – Nigel proposed and Jean seconded, all agreed acceptance.

Treasurer: Joe thanked all supporters, including those present and the Lydd charity, as the year ended with a surplus. £3000 was given to the Deanery to help pay full parish share and over £5000 was given to various charities. Les Carter proposed a vote of thanks to Joe – warmly supported by all.

Annual Report: (already circulated) CCTV has stopped the All Saints vandalism! The description of Sue as 'wheelchair bound' was rejected, although she herself pointed out it shows the church is accessible! Community relations are well reflected.

Revd Chris explained there will be a benefice service at Lydd at the end of July to bid farewell to Chris+Melanie Maclean, followed by a finger buffet lunch. He will not be replaced as the benefice cannot afford it, but if outside funding can be found a 50% post would probably be viable. Wardens will meet in early July to begin creating a personal profile. There will not be an interregnum, just a vacancy for at least 3-4 months.

Dates: APCM 2024 Sunday April 14th at St Peter's, with lunch again!
Next PCC meeting – Wednesday 19th April tbc

AOB: Plans for cash gift and parish cards to Chris and Melanie were outlined

The meeting ended at 2.30 with the Grace

All Saints Lydd with St Peter's Greatstone

Report for 2023

Electoral Roll: stands at 85

PCC Report

In addition to the APCM the Parochial Church Council met on 4 occasions, in February, April, September and November. Membership: Incumbent, Wardens and deputy wardens, Treasurer, Readers (by invitation at APCM), 1 member of St Peter's congregation – out of a possible 9 from each church, Secretary.

Each meeting starts with a Bible reading and prayer, Minutes of the previous meeting are examined and matters arising from them are dealt with. The Ministry report is usually given by the incumbent and helps see a Marsh-wide perspective of church activity. ChrisM's retirement in July and Jackie's leave of absence meant rotas had to be changed and David worked as Administrator as well as Web master and additional priest. The new priest was appointed in November and will join the Benefice in April. Meanwhile all staff were very stretched and temporary service rotas were needed for some time.

Wardens and Deputies reported on their buildings and activities. Both churches had leaks at various times. St Peter's tower was repointed and part of the roof was relaid. All Saints is older, bigger and finding the leak proved difficult. All Saints CCTV was finally set up and new locks+ keys installed. Redecoration and a disabled access ramp with necessary external widening occupied the warden for months. St Peter's garden was completed and a second unobtrusive exit from the garden created in case of fire. New heaters were installed in the church. Months of investigation found no trace of the water meter which was supposed to have existed since the building of the new hall and a new billing system has been introduced.

The committee examines past events and reports on what has worked and what could be done differently. All Saints concerts, Christingle and a Historical Society lecture were packed out. St Peter's sales are declining but breakfasts are very popular.

Health and Safety are examined at each meeting and Safeguarding is very important, with meetings for the Co-ordinator and face-to-face training for members of the congregation without computers.

More members from each congregation need to join the PCC.

Auditor: Charlotte Watkinson examined and approved the accounts.

Sidesmen:

All Saints: Barbara Woodward, Pat Carter, Sheila Rabbetts, Vicki Dawson, Chris Aubrey
St Peter's: Carole Comber, Val Blanchard, Margaret Mace, Yvonne Duke

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a high priority for the Church Community to ensure we maintain a safe environment for all. Safeguarding involves a number of checks, which we have continually maintained, but it also involves an awareness by all to be alert to any situations which may require additional checks and to know what to do if there is any concern regarding situations or individuals. During the year more emphasis has been placed upon the importance of training and as the year ends more comprehensive and wider training programmes are being rolled out. I am pleased to report that the general response from our community in their willingness to learn more has been very positive.

Pat Carter Parish Safeguarding and Disclosure Officer

Treasurer's Report and Accounts (Attached)

Our churches and halls ended 2023 with a surplus of £6,900 on a turnover of £81,000. On the face of it this is almost the same as the surplus for 2022, but this year the only reason we had a surplus at all was because of a one-off transfer to us of £7,500, on the winding-up of the Friends of Lydd Church. That money is now in a restricted fund which can only be spent on the fabric of All Saints' church – useful for that purpose but not available for any other part of our budget. The unrestricted part of our funds actually had a deficit of £1,400 in 2023, on a turnover of £72,000.

My predecessor and I have commented before on our dependency on the generosity of three or four members who give a great deal more each month than the rest of us. One of those members died last year, so our income in 2024 will be a few thousand pounds less than we might have expected. Our Parish Share for 2024 is £30,249, an increase of £3,888 on 2023. Many of us put a great deal of effort into fund-raising events, and as Treasurer I am very grateful for that, but if we are to keep our heads above water we all need to look again at the amounts we give, week by week, month by month. By the time of our meeting I will have contacted many of you about giving regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme. The more people who give in this way, the easier my task will be – and that of my successor, whenever s/he is found.

Joe Butterworth

Wardens' Report for All Saints' and St Peter's 2023

We had a reasonably good year with some changes. We said goodbye to our local Team Vicar Rev. Chris Maclean and his wife Melanie. Both are greatly missed by us all and especially the Ministry Team for Chris, and Melanie for her fine voice in the choir. We sent them off with a well attended service and a lunch together with a special message from Capt. Mark Kalbaitis of Princess Patricia's Canadian Infantry Regiment who also sadly left us to return to his duties elsewhere earlier in the year. A gift was given with our blessings for the contribution that Chris and Melanie had made to our Community, Parish and the wider Benefice during their time with us.

During the year we have maintained our regular pattern of services as part of the Benefice programme of worship with extra services for Coronation and other important occasions such as Remembrance and Civic events. We have also worked hard to ensure celebrations of Easter, Harvest and Christmas are fully recognised. We are looking to improve our celebrations throughout the year with appropriate services and will look for input from the community for ideas. St Peter's is glad to welcome the local school in for their Harvest, Christmas and Easter services. A Pet service was re-introduced but timing needs review. Christingle remains very popular in both churches.

Buildings

Both have had leaking towers but hopefully the problems have now been resolved. There have been a number of faculties/permissions sought this year - a lengthy process, and some still ongoing. All Saints plan to redecorate the internal south wall and lady chapel. We now have the faculty for this work, and hopefully we can progress with the financial help of the Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust (RMHCT). Another issue is to improve disabled access, we have a number of options which we are considering: ultimately we would like to have free disabled access to the whole church when it is open but attended during the day and access for all for worship and prayer. St Peter's heating has been unobtrusively improved during the year and no longer clicks as thermostats operate.

We applied to obtain permission to allow marker plaques in the remembrance area of the churchyard to mark the location of interred ashes for the benefit of loved ones. Sadly this was refused.

Both churches had their 3 yearly Deanery Visitation check carried out by Assistant Area Dean Rev. Sue Rose to check on our legal compliance and also our 5 yearly quinquennial building by our Chartered Architect Robert George. We have a few actions to address but nothing major has been identified.

Events

Both of our church communities have been very active with community and fund raising events, which includes regular big breakfasts and cream tea at St Peters, and at All Saints' our Fayres including Teddy Bear Parachute Jumps and Tower visits, all of these bring our communities into the churches as well as raising well needed funds. Ride'n'Stride on the hottest day of the year brought visitors and welcome funds thanks to the efforts of the noble cyclists and walkers.

Both churches encourage and have facilities for donations to the local food bank.

Comment

For a church to operate successfully requires so many interactions. We wish to thank everyone who has had a part to play in all aspects of the churches in 2023. A special thanks to Jean and Colin as Deputies at St Peter's.

We wish God's blessing and love to you all. *Pat and Mike.*

All Saints Bell Ringers

Margaret Afflatt leads the team of 8 who had a busy year, with celebrations happy and sad as well as ringing for almost all the Sunday services. On May 6th they rang for the Coronation of King Charles 111 and the following day for the party on the Rype using special changes, Orb and Sceptre, orchestrated for the occasion. They rang for the farewell service for Revd Chris Maclean in July, for 4 weddings at Lydd and one in Fairfield. A sadder occasion was the funeral of Revd Lydia Terry in November for which they rang half-muffled as at the Remembrance service. They ring for Evensong at Brookland, when possible too.

They are grateful to Carl Walmsley who comes to help train learners on Tuesdays. Several people have shown interest in ringing this year and some are continuing well. Visiting teams from other areas come to enjoy ringing our bells. Roger's engineering skills have been much appreciated as he has taken on Tower maintenance and we are grateful to Michael and Mary for raising and lowering flags as necessary

All Saints Choir

Another mixed year for the choir- we learned a few new songs and are learning to live with the electronic music when Frances is unavailable. Sadly Frances was unable to get up to the organ, so that was rarely used, but we choristers are just as happy to sing with the piano!

We hosted the harvest supper again this year, providing a hot meal and questionable entertainment for about 36 people. There was a little help from an unplanned stand-up comedienne, which helped! We plan to do it again this year, possibly on a larger scale – we'll see...

We also scored another great hit this year by hijacking the 'Carols round the Tree' evening with our infant nativity. We managed to get about 15 people to take part – some with great enthusiasm, it has to be said! There was some trepidation, but we had faith, and it worked a treat. It seems everyone loved it, and for the choir, it was successful in that it got the Christmas story across to many folk who don't usually attend the more formal services – and in a way that was great fun.

Tragically, we lost Frances in March 2024 and I'm writing this the day after the service of thanksgiving for her life – and what an amazing and emotional service it was! Frances was the life and soul of our choir, but whilst we are all very sad at her passing, we are full of enthusiasm to continue her work with our music. I have temporarily taken on leading the choir until it finds someone with musical talent to take over. The choir has increased slightly in size with a returning member and a new member. We have plans for the year ahead and we look forward to making Frances proud by doing what we do best – singing of God's glory, and enjoying doing so!

Mike

Hardy Hall

Bookings for the Hardy Hall continue to be steady with regular paid hire by CARM, the 6Cs Craft Group and Toddler Football.

Friends of Lydd Museum continue their monthly evening meetings and we have new regular hirings by a Yoga/Pilates group and a Dance group. We have had occasional hire including a local business, Lydd School PTA, the NHS and a film company who were conducting auditions for local extras. The Monthly Saturday lunches hosted by the church continue and the Friday Food Bank has been taken over by the Food Pantry who use the hall on Monday mornings.

The focus on keeping the hall clear of clutter so users can set up activities easily, has generally been very successful and the smaller tables have proved very beneficial to those who struggle with the large tables. Unfortunately, sometimes on a Monday afternoon, the floor has not been left clean and large tables have been left up which can be hazardous for other users to put away. Gentle reminders are being used with this group to remind them to leave the hall in a state where other users can come in and not have to clean up before they can use the hall.

The improvements carried out last year continue to be appreciated and the hall is currently in a good state for hirers. There has been a recent inspection of the electrical system and Pat has details of any findings.

There was a previous issue with an unknown number of people having keys so that access was not controlled. This raised worries about any future insurance claims. The lock was changed and Maggie Clifton has been instrumental in ensuring that we now have knowledge of all keyholders, every key is numbered and a signed register is now kept.

We look forward to a fruitful year.

Maggie and Lynn.

Report of St Peter's Activities

Services were held every Sunday in the year, except 5th Sundays which were Benefice Communion. There were 24 services of Holy Communion with an average attendance of 26, and 22 services of Morning worship with an average attendance of 25. There were no services of Baptism, Marriage or Funeral. Other services and attendances: Pet service 33, Carol Service 33, Christingle 28 Children+11 adults. Weekday Services: British Legion 32, School Easter 39 + 63, School Harvest 84+13 124+14 School Christingle 85+35, 54+18, 75+28.

4 or 5 different people regularly lead intercessions, while at least 10 people can be called on to read the lessons with clarity and understanding. Hymns and most words of the liturgy are displayed on screen with beautiful local photographic illustration. Services are followed by refreshments in the hall.

St Peter's Hall

St Peters Hall has been very busy during 2023. The regular Saturday morning Coffee Morning sales declined after Covid so the Big Breakfast was introduced to replace it as a fund-raiser and community service. Carole and Alison turn out delicious platefuls, followed by tea/coffee, toast and marmalade. Rita does a 'Continental alternative' – yogurt, croissant and fruit. Friends and chatter fill the hall and there are a few stalls – cards, books and cakes usually as well as the Raffle. The Coronation cream tea was held, a little late, in June, but the weather was not kind to the Plant Sale this year.

The hall has been booked on regular basis for Games Afternoon, Monday and Thursday. Craft and Laughs on a Wednesday: CARM twice a month on Tuesday mornings: Pebbles twice a month on a Thursday: an Arts group on a Friday afternoon, Keep Fit on a Wednesday evening and a very new Mindset group also on a Wednesday evening. We had two bands which use the hall for practice, with no complaints from the neighbours so can't be too loud.

We have hired out the hall, for parties, adult and children, and also had a request from a film company. When you are looking for a hall, just remember St Peters Hall and phone Carole 01797 367597

St Peter's Drop In

The group, run by Jean Moon and Margaret Mace, has continued to function well throughout the year on Wednesday mornings 8.30- 10.30 during school term time only. This is mainly for parents and carers of pre-school children although many continue to come long after their children have started school. Toys are always provided for the little ones with occasional craft or cooking activities.

The average attendance is 6-10 adults with a similar number of children: our number increased with the birth of Willow in June, but 2 rising fives left to start school in September. We do not make any charge to attend, just have a donation pot to help cover the costs of refreshments. For a period earlier in year some of our regular attenders started to come with their dogs, we decided that this was not appropriate with the babies and toddlers so we now have a no dog policy. Thanks go to Maggie Smart and Alison Brown who have stepped in and helped out when needed. It is hoped that it will be possible to continue to run this much needed, supportive group in the future.

St Peter's Sunday lunches

The monthly Sunday Lunches have continued during 2023 usually on the third Sunday of the month except in March when it clashed with Mothering Sunday. We serve about 20 two course meals with tea or coffee and charge £4 each. Originally started for people on their own, it is now open to elderly couples and members of the Pebbles memory café. We have managed to keep this running with 2 cooks Alison Brown and Margaret Mace, Jean and John Moon and Jack Mace also attend to help with serving and cleaning up. Rita Butterworth has regularly supplied the desserts with Joe also helping if needed, also occasionally assisted by Garth Burkhardt. At the end of November a Christmas meal was held at The Jolly Fisherman this was well attended by all members of our fellowship.

St Peter's Garden Project

The gated area behind the church hall was transformed during the year. A concrete pathway and bench bases had been laid towards the end of 2022 and after appealing to the congregation for donations, enough money was available to order 5 benches in January. The benches purchased are made from recycled plastics, long lasting and maintenance free. In April an 8 seater colourful picnic bench was added. Total cost for these was £3.500 all funded by our congregation and members of Pebbles café, so a big THANK YOU to all who made the completion of the garden area possible.

On June the 18th during the last service taken by Revd Chris Maclean the congregation all went into the garden where he prayed and officially opened the garden. The area will need on-going weeding and management to help keep dominant plants in check and allow beautiful native wild flowers to look their best.

Deanery Representative Report for 2023

During the year various meetings and Deanery functions have been held and a Deanery Visitation was completed within the Parish during July by Rev. Sue Rose. A successful Deanery Retreat was held at Whycroft in November and attended by many of the Deanery clergy and active readers including Les Carter and the Area Dean Rev. Chris.

Bishop Rose visited our Deanery during November and within our half of the Deanery she visited St Nicholas and Brenzett schools and Dungeness 'B' Power Station. The Bishop also led a wonderful service at St Nicholas Church when many of the pupils and several staff from St Nicholas school were confirmed. In addition, the Bishop led worship and held meetings with various representatives throughout the Deanery.

A major point of discussion during the year was the problems the Deanery was experiencing mainly due to the geographical size and the cultural differences between the 2 halves of the Romney and Tenterden Deanery. After assessment with Archdeacon Darren and following a Bishop's consultation, it was agreed to split the Deanery into two. The 'Tenterden Deanery' consists of the Benefices of Tenterden, Rother and Oxney, Bethersden, Woodchurch and High Halden and Biddenden and Smarden. The 'Romney Deanery', our Deanery, consists of the Romney Marsh Benefice and the Saxon Shoreline Benefice.

The formal split took place towards the end of the year and the new Deanery, The Romney Deanery, will be formally formed during the early part of 2024.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Lydd and St. Peter's Church, Greatstone

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023	2022
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned Giving	24,180	120	-	24,300	26,832
Collections at services	9,308		-	9,308	6,805
Grants for projects	1,160		-	1,160	0
All other voluntary receipts	7,613	7,501	-	15,114	14,449
Gift Aid recovered	7,752		-	7,752	7,627
	50,013	7,621	0	57,634	55,713
Activities for generating funds	6,658		-	6,658	5,621
Investment & rental income	263	132		395	187
Church Activities	14,413	1,996	-	16,409	13,732
Other Income: insurance claim			-	0	4,161
Increase in value of Investment Funds			202	202	0
Total Receipts	71,347	9,749	202	81,298	79,414
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Parish Share	26,361			26,361	27,640
Clergy and staffing costs	1,419			1,419	1,882
Church running expenses	25,778			25,778	20,656
Hall running costs	5,816			5,816	4,674
Mission giving and donations	2,654	1,646		4,300	5,887
Reduction in value of Investment Funds			0	0	531
Church major repairs	10,205			10,205	11,176
	72,232	1,646	0	73,878	72,446
Costs of generating funds	521	-	-	521	184
Total Payments	72,753	1,646	0	74,399	72,630
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(1,406)	8,103	202	6,899	6,785
Transfer between funds				0	0
	(1,406)	8,103	202	6,899	6,785
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January	30,676	5,629	3,393	39,698	32,913
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec	29,270	13,732	3,595	46,597	39,698

Balance Sheet, notes and financial policies for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

<u>Monetary Funds</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current Assets					
Lloyds - Current account	24,474	10,913		35,387	29,008
Cash on hand	370	0		370	370
CBF C of E Deposit Fund	4,426	2,819		7,245	6,927
Fixed interest shares			3,595	3,595	3,393
Net Current Assets	29,270	13,732	3,595	46,597	39,698
Restricted Funds					
	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Closing</u>	
Restricted Funds	5,484	7,754	0	13,238	
Mission giving and fees due	144	1,996	1,646	494	
Total	5,628	9,750	1,646	13,732	

Notes

1) The endowment fixed interest shares are held as follows:-

Anscome general purpose 171 shares	247.52	
Balfour Trust restoration fund 270 shares	390.82	
Vidler general purpose 151 shares	218.57	
H J Blacklock organ & choir fund 470 shares	680.32	
E M Gill-Ballard general purpose 470 shares	680.32	
A Finn organ & choir fund 789 shares	1,142.08	
Dungeness sanctuary 163 shares	235.94	<u>£3,595.57</u>

2) Other than consecrated and beneficed property the PCC owns two church halls, St Peters Hall and Hardy Hall with a combined value of £780,000 at the last survey undertaken in 2020 by Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc (EIO).

Policies**Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice .

Reserves

The PCC does not have a formal policy on reserves but currently holds more than six times the average monthly expenditure related to the work of the church in 2023 (excluding major repairs).

Approved by the Parochial Church Council (AGM) 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. C Hodgkins
Chairman and Team Rector

Mr J Butterworth
Hon Treasurer

Mrs Charlotte M Watkinson
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PCC of All Saints' Church Lydd and St. Peter's Church Greatstone.

I have examined your books and relevant papers. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Charlotte M Watkinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charlotte M Watkinson

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Accounts

**Independent Examiner's report to the
Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Lydd and St. Peter's Church, Greatstone**

This Report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out in this annual report, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations 25.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DAVID JARMAN ACMA
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Kent. TN25 7DQ
March-23



Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Lydd and St. Peter's Church, Greatstone

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022	2021
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned Giving	26,712	120	-	26,832	27,966
Collections at services	6,805		-	6,805	5,076
Grants for projects	0		-	0	16,365
All other voluntary receipts	14,449		-	14,449	10,735
Gift Aid recovered	7,627		-	7,627	7,014
	55,593	120	0	55,713	67,156
Activities for generating funds	5,621		-	5,621	3,872
Investment & rental income	142	45		187	1,344
Church Activities	10,455	3,277	-	13,732	8,860
Other Income: insurance claim	4,161		-	4,161	926
Total Receipts	75,972	3,442	0	79,414	82,158
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Parish Share	27,640			27,640	36,110
Clergy and staffing costs	1,882			1,882	607
Church running expenses	20,656			20,656	18,205
Hall running costs	4,674			4,674	3,805
Mission giving and donations	2,797	3,090		5,887	4,049
Transfer of magazine surplus to new Benefice magazine	0			0	2,201
Reduction in value of Endowment Funds			531	531	277
New hall & major repairs	11,176			11,176	17,633
	68,825	3,090	531	72,446	82,887
Costs of generating funds	184	-	-	184	85
Total Payments	69,009	3,090	531	72,630	82,972
Excess of Receipts over Payments	6,964	352	(531)	6,785	(814)
Transfer between funds				0	0
	6,964	352	(531)	6,785	(814)
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January	23,712	5,277	3,924	32,913	33,727
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec	30,676	5,629	3,393	39,698	32,913

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<u>Current Assets</u>					
Lloyds - Current account	26,067	2,941		29,008	21,431
Cash on hand	377	(7)		370	720
CBF C of E Deposit Fund	4,232	2,695		6,927	6,837
Fixed interest shares			3,393	3,393	3,925
Net Current Assets	30,676	5,629	3,393	39,698	32,913

Restricted Funds

	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Closing</u>
Restricted Funds	5,234	250	0	5,484
Mission giving and fees due	43	3,192	3,090	145
Total	5,277	3,442	3,090	5,629

Notes

1) The endowment fixed interest shares are held as follows:-

Anscome general purpose 171 shares	233.60	
Balfour Trust restoration fund 270 shares	368.85	
Vidler general purpose 151 shares	206.28	
H J Blacklock organ & choir fund 470 shares	642.07	
E M Gill-Ballard general purpose 470 shares	642.07	
A Finn organ & choir fund 789 shares	1,077.85	
Dungeness sanctuary 163 shares	222.67	<u>£3,393.39</u>

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Accounting

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Reserves

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council (AGM) 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. C Maclean
Chairman and Team Vicar

Mr J Butterworth
Hon Treasurer

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NOTICE is given that the Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th April at 4.30pm at Hardy Hall

AGENDA

1. Opening worship
2. **Annual Vestry Meeting** – Election of Church Wardens
3. **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**
4. Apologies
5. Minutes of the 2021 Vestry and Annual Meetings
6. Matters arising from those minutes
7. Receipt of Electoral Roll
8. Election of Deputy Church Wardens
9. Election of PCC Members
10. Election of Readers to the PCC
11. Election of Auditor
12. Election of Sidespersons
13. Treasurer's Report and presentation of accounts
14. Presentation of Annual Report
15. Deanery synod Report
16. Any Other Business (Advance notice to be given to the church wardens)
17. Future Dates
18. Date of next APCM
19. Closing Prayer

Rector's Report

APCM 2022

In January 2020 'The Romney Marsh Benefice' was formed by merging the 'Western Marsh Benefice' with the old 'Romney Marsh Benefice' creating a team ministry. I was Instituted and Inducted as Team Rector on the 25th of October 2021 at a joyful service conducted by Bishop Rose.

I have now been in post for 6 months and, together with Chris Maclean, Shuna Body and Jacky Darling, we are looking towards the future. This began with our visioning day held at Lydd Golf Course and facilitated by Neville Emslie where we explored what it is to be Energised by Faith, have an Outward Looking Focus, Seek to Find Out What God Wants, Face the Cost of Change and Growth, Operate as a Community, Make Room For All and Do a few things but do them well. As a result of this we have had our first Benefice Service, which is to be continued on the 5th Sundays of the year, and a successful Lent course looking at Paula Gooder's book 'The Joy of the Gospel'. We will explore other courses for later in the year.

The churches across the benefice are both individual and united in their desire to move forward and grow God's Kingdom. There are many exciting events planned and as Covid restrictions allow we can look forward to gathering our communities together for concerts and festivals and of course the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June.

I am excited to see where we will be this time next year.

Chris Hodgkins
Team Rector

Report for 2021

The parish of Lydd with Greatstone serves the communities of Lydd, Greatstone, Lydd on Sea and Dungeness. It is part of the Romney Marsh Benefice, located in the Deanery of Tenterden and Romney Marsh and part of the Anglican Diocese of Canterbury.

The correspondence address is: All Saints Rectory, Park St, Lydd. Kent, TN29 9AY

The parish website is www.western-marsh-churches.co.uk

The Parochial church Council is a charity registered with the Charities Commission (reg. No.1146683) CCL licence 87558 (All Saints) and 655313 (St Peter's)

PCC Members who have served for the year covered by this report:

Revd Chris Maclean	<i>PCC Chairman</i>	<i>Priest-in-charge until October, then Vicar</i>
Revd Chris Hodgkins	<i>(from October 2021)</i>	<i>Rector</i>
Revd Jacky Darling		<i>Associate Priest</i>
Les Carter		<i>Reader + Deanery Synod Rep</i>
June Noakes		<i>Reader</i>
Frances Aubrey		<i>ALM</i>
Mike Botten		<i>Church Warden from May 2021</i>
Jean Moon		<i>Deputy Warden from June 2021</i>
Rita Butterworth		<i>PCC Secretary</i>
Joe Butterworth		<i>PCC Treasurer + Gift Aid Secretary</i>
Bill Darling		<i>Deanery Synod Rep</i>
Pat Carter		<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
.....		<i>Electoral Roll Officer</i>

Elected Members (9 are permitted)

Margaret Mace

Bank Account: Lloyds New Romney. Sort Code: 30-90-28, Account no. 01406745

David Jarman *Independent Auditor*

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members serve for 3 years and retire in rotation. At least one third of elected PCC members are required to be regular worshippers at All Saints and one third at St Peter's. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the wardens and the Vicar, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastorally, evangelistically, socially and ecumenically. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of churches and church hall buildings at Lydd and Greatstone.

The Church of England in Lydd, Greatstone and Dungeness worships God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We welcome all who seek God regardless of race, age, gender or sexual orientation. We affirm that the Church's mission, in obedience to Holy Scripture, is to proclaim the unfailing love of God in every generation. We are two churches in a team of fourteen churches in the Romney Marsh Benefice serving our community through prayer and friendship.

Standing Committee

Vicar, Wardens and deputy wardens and treasurer. This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the church Council.

Review of the year 2021

Churchwarden's Report 2021

2021 has been another year which will probably live in people's memory as an odd year, due to the various Covid-related ups and downs throughout.

From the beginning of the year until Palm Sunday in March we were not able to attend church and relied on the excellent online services provided by our clergy team. In fact, these proved so popular that they carried on long after we restarted regular church attendance in person.

The diocese brought in some new safeguarding training course (online, of course) and they seem to have been well-received. Many thanks to Pat Carter for her ongoing work with safeguarding and ensuring that the right people have the right training in order to ensure the church is a safe and welcoming place for all.

Some events happened during the year and others didn't. The summer fayre went ahead as planned and was considered quite successful in that we raised almost as much money as in previous years and lots of people attended during the day. The teddies parachuted as planned and all was well.

A few of us took part in the Ride and Stride event and raised a few shillings for the churches.

The remembrance service also happened and was attended by many people, much as in previous years, and was a credit to the new organising group.

There were a number of weddings during the year too, which indicated some normality to our community life, but something else happened around weddings, that wasn't Covid related, in that we stopped using local wedding registers. Harvest supper, sadly, didn't happen. We had a plan to hold the event amid various Covid restrictions etc, but it just wasn't to be. The other event that didn't happen was Christingle, which was cancelled at the eleventh hour due to Covid related problems. We did however manage to distribute the 400 oranges among the local community!

We did at least manage to hold some Christmas services.

At St Peter's, services resumed around the same time and other aspects of life gradually returned to normal, such as lunches, dementia cafe and plant sales. And the new hall was finally signed off by the building control inspector.

Our new team Rector was installed in October and Bishop Rose visited us for the second time in as many months. On the first visit, a choir was formed with some of the Haywardians, and it was a great joy and privilege to sing with other tenors! I'm sure the Altos felt much the same.

In December the rector held a Visioning Day to find ways to move the benefice forward and I got to meet lots of fellow wardens for a Christmas Lunch.

The weather has caused one or two problems during the year, with a few tiles going missing and a window in the bell tower being blown in. Generally, there have been few problems with the fabric of the church. The interior has been changed by moving the choir stalls back towards the High Altar, allowing a useful space in the centre of the church which can be used in a variety of ways. The white lines around the chancel steps and the altar steps have been repainted, the need being brought to our attention, sadly, as the result of an accident with one of our flower arrangers.

Our choir lost one of its members, when Katherine moved away, but gained a new member when June joined. It continues to do its best and is grateful that even with her various challenges, Frances has continued to inspire it with challenging music, dedication and endless enthusiasm.

Hopefully, 2022 will bring a return to some normality and we can worship with freedom from Covid related restrictions.

I'd like to record my thanks to the many people who have assisted me with the churchwarden role during the past year. I won't name anyone for fear of missing someone, but you all know who you are. My thanks also go to the many people within our church, who unfailingly cook, clean, set up, put away, lock, unlock, preach, ring, sing, play, pray, support and all the other 101 things that go on, quietly, diligently and faithfully, some in the background, some not. I am proud to be a small part of such a wonderful community.

St Peter's

Opened again in May. There were then 18 services of Holy Communion and 17 of Morning Worship all held at 10.30, with an average attendance of 25 at both. From a cautious start numbers grew gradually as the year progressed and people's confidence increased. New members moved to the area.

There were 2 funerals and 2 memorial services. The WI held a carol service, but the Christingle service had to be cancelled because of another Covid outbreak. The school did not manage to come to church for their planned Harvest service, for various reasons.

Prayer, Bible Study and Home groups continued for most of the year, in homes or via Zoom. A Lent course was also done by Zoom. Another Bible study group began meeting in the hall in the Autumn, but health problems caused its suspension.

The Sunday lunches started again and people from the Pebbles Dementia Café were delighted to join in, They also came to the happy Christmas lunch – we were just able to hold it before the new Covid infection overwhelmed life. It was lovely to have help from the Drop-In community too.

PCC

There were 3 regular meetings and one by Zoom. More members are needed.

Electoral Roll

At 20 March 2022, the Roll stood at 98

Chaplain report:

Dungeness B Chaplain Visits: I recommenced my regular chaplain visits to Dungeness 'B' in September following the restrictions imposed by Covid. There was a delay due to site access clearance issues. The visits appear to be well received and are carried out as part of The Kent Workplace Mission Trust activities. The announced cessation of generation at the site has had limited effect on the staff so far, but a continued presence on site is in my opinion important.

Les Carter

Godly Play

Following restrictions due to Covid, we have restarted "Godly Play" visits to Brenzett School during October. *Les Carter*

All Saints' Monthly Lunches

We started lunches again in August following the restrictions due to Covid, but we have changed the regular spot to the 3rd Saturday of every month. Everyone seems happy with the new arrangements, and the meals are appreciated by all who attend, and people are being referred to us from the community. We are fortunate to have members of the community helping us to serve and clear up afterwards, to whom we are very grateful.

Pat Carter

6Cs / Maggie's Makers

Our group was initially set up 11 years ago for young mothers as somewhere to meet after dropping older children at school. The 6 Cs stood for Church, crafts, chat, coffee, cake and children. It has now evolved into a community group for all ages with some of the original members still attending. There is a wealth of expertise in the group and any new members (and some of the old) can learn new crafts. We have a Facebook group so we can all keep in touch and support each other.

The group is very special because of the mental health benefits it provides just being able to share things in a safe environment. This has been so much needed during lockdown. We now have a variety of ages, skills and experiences and are currently exploring ways of increasing our membership so that more of the community can benefit

Hardy Hall

Bookings at the Hardy Hall are starting to return to normal following the effects of the restrictions around Corona Virus. The Hardy Hall is an established centre for many activities in the town, including Food Bank, monthly lunch plus various regular group meetings and the return to normal operations is very welcome, it is an important focal facility for the local community. Rev Chris M has been acting as the administrator on a temporary basis but it is hoped that a new administrator will be in place shortly. The Hall has remained in reasonable order and no major work is planned for the near future.

Pat Carter

Deanery Report

There are 15 Deaneries in the Diocese of Canterbury, and our deanery, "Romney and Tenterden", holds regular Meeting which give the opportunity for the various ministry teams and lay members to meet and discuss matters of common interest and share challenges, experience and opportunities. In the Annual Report last year we reported the publication of the 171-page Diocesan report "**Towards A Flourishing & Sustainable Future**" published in March 2021. A significant observation within this report was that "The Overall Financial situation for the Diocese is unsustainable" and it also reported the importance of filling the vacancy of Team Rector in our Benefice. The matter of filling the Team Rector position is, as you will all know, successfully concluded and we have been able to welcome Rev Chris H to the position, and he is working hard with Rev Chris M, Rev Shuna, Rev Jacky and various other members of the ministry team to ensure ministry within our Benefice functions in a co-ordinated manner.

The financial situation is one that is ongoing, and I suspect always will be, however, Tony Richter (Deanery Treasurer), is co-ordinating closely with the Diocese and Parish Treasurers, including our own Joe, to ensure that the Parish Share for the Deanery is met in full. The Diocese have looked very closely at their costs and the Parish Shares for 2022 have reduced, but it is vital that this is paid in full and this may require the stronger Parishes supporting those with a financial deficit. Providing the Parish Share for the Diocese is met in full, the financial situation for the future should once again be secured.

Les Carter

St Peters Church Hall.

The hall is very popular and used by many clubs in the area.

Clubs which meet weekly are;

Monday Games Club. 2-4p.m.

Womens Wednesday club. 2-4pm

Drop In. For a drink and chat Wednesday Term Time only 9.30- 11.00

Meeting fortnightly:

CARM Meeting Point Tuesday morning. First and Third a.m.

Pebbles, Dementia Cafe second and fourth Thursday a.m.

Meeting monthly:

WI 2nd Monday evening.

There is also a monthly Craft Fair on first Saturday in the month.

Church Sale and Coffee Morning second Saturday in the month.

Sunday Lunch for people living on their own, once a month.

Other events

The hall has also been hired for private family parties. Also hired to FHDC for voting in elections.

Carole Comber

St Peter's Drop-in

The St Peters Drop-in meet on Wednesday mornings from 9am-10.30 during school term time, it gives parents and carers dropping their children at school a place to meet up to socialise and have support from others in the local community, providing toys and activities, coffee and a chat.

During the Covid pandemic the group was unable to meet from its start in March 2020 until it was eventually felt it would be safe to open again in September 2021. During that time circumstances changed for many, children started school and parents went into full time employment, which meant our numbers were low. In January some advertising on social media brought in a few new members, our average attendance is 6 adults and 4 children. If the area behind the hall is developed we hope that the children will be able to play outside and adults sit out in the sunshine.

Margaret Mace

St Peters Monthly Sunday lunches

During the Covid pandemic 2020/21 St Peter's was unable to provide any lunches. They restarted again in October 2021 when it was decided to offer the lunches to members of the Pebbles dementia cafe (that meet in St Peter's hall) as well as single people in the community. All cooks renewed their basic food hygiene certificate level 2 in 2021 to comply with safety guidelines. On average the attendance is 12 made up of half from Pebbles and the other half from our congregation. Everyone attending the lunches is very grateful for the good food and company at these events. In December a bigger team got together to provide a Christmas dinner open to all. We were lucky that this took place before more restrictions were put in place because of Covid and many other church events were cancelled.

Margaret Mace

St Peters Garden Project 2021/22

During the summer of 2021 the land around the church and behind the hall became very overgrown and although it looked lovely with bright red poppies and purple mallow it did need to be tidied. A group got together to clear the area to clear the area at the front of the church and a large trailer full of vegetation was taken to the tip. After that a group of 5 volunteers started to work in the area behind the church and put together ideas of how the area could be developed for use by groups that use the hall. A gate has been promised by the builder that erected the hall so for it has not been installed.

In order to find out how we could work sympathetically with the unique shingle that surrounds the building we met with Tobias Jackson biodiversity officer with Romney Marsh the Fifth Continent Project in October. He did a report on all we had discussed with him recommending that we work with nature encouraging wild flowers already present, but remove plants that become dominant Common Dock and Dandelion and Mallow and remove non-native invasive Red Valerian.

He also suggested using recycled plastic grids that can be laid directly on the shingle providing a stable base for wheelchairs. Some money has now been raised for this project and money raised by the sponsored cycle ride has been added, also we have been promised the donation of a bench.

In February BBC's the One Show launched the RHS community garden competition. I started completing the online application form but became technically challenged at the point of including photos and a map. I must have submitted the incomplete form and after the closing date I was surprised to receive an email thanking me for my application, another email arrived mid March informing me that our group was unsuccessful. It was a good dream to have expert help and funding to transform the garden.

In the coming months we hope to start work again probably meeting on alternate Monday afternoons. We have received a quote for the materials to form earth retaining areas in the two corners to facilitate planting areas which will need to be considered. We also need to get quotes to install a path either a boardwalk type or concrete around the area and hard standing for fixing the benches securely. We hope that progress can continue to make this a useable space.

Margaret Mace

LYDD BELLRINGERS CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2021

Due to Covid restrictions there was very little ringing after March in 2020 with some restricted numbers for a few weeks in October. Christmas services and ringing were cancelled as was New Year ringing. 2021 was more relaxed. We rang in April on the announcement of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh and again half muffled for his funeral.

We did ring for five weddings and Sunday ringing resumed in May and Monday practices soon after. A few district meetings took place in the latter part of the year which enabled some of us to meet up with ringers from other towers. It was good to be able to ring half muffled for Remembrance Sunday and take part in the church service which we were unable to do in 2020. We were able to celebrate Christmas with ringing on Christmas morning. Our customary New year's eve meal went ahead attended by most of the band and partners followed by a visit to the tower to ring out the old year and welcome the new. Hopefully this year we can enjoy ringing as normal.

We have been asked to host the District meeting in March this year. We did not have any visiting ringers during 2021 so it would be great to welcome some this year. Hopefully we will have some weddings to ring for this year. We have rung at Brookland, through the summer months until it got too cold. Plans have been made to start again in March. Sadly we said goodbye to John Dawkins recently, he had joined us for ringing practices at Lydd and Brookland in the past. Gordon and I attended his funeral at Hastings. Rest in peace John. We still have nine regular ringers but really need some new recruits, none has come forward yet. Let us hope for some new interest this coming year.

Margaret Alflatt, Tower Captain

Treasurer's Report

After several months when I was expecting an end-of-year deficit of £2-4,000, the final result is a mere £814 on a turnover of £82,000. It would have been a small surplus without the one-off payment of £2,201, transferring the balance on the parish magazine account to the merged, benefice-wide magazine Marsh Message. A big thank-you to everyone who kept our head above water, by their weekly and monthly offerings, special gifts and fund-raising efforts – also to grant-making bodies like the Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust and the Lydd Municipal Charities.

2021 was the second year of Covid and we were affected by lockdowns and other restrictions for the first six months of the year. After that, however, our two church halls were able to open for business, weddings and funerals could take place in church again and fund-raising events like the Summer and Christmas fairs at All Saints and the Coffee Mornings/Markets at St Peter's could resume. It was the loss of these activities which was the main cause of a deficit of £10,000 in 2020.

Work on the windows at All Saints' continued in the early months of 2021 with the installation of anti-vandal guards at a cost of £16,245 – kindly financed by the RMHCT. Construction of the new St Peter's Hall was completed at the beginning of 2021 at a total cost of £194,000.

Joe Butterworth.

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Current Assets					
Lloyds - Current account	18,808	2,623		21,431	21,971
Cash on hand	726	(6)		720	720
CBF C of E Deposit Fund	4,177	2,660		6,837	6,834
Fixed interest shares			3,925	3,925	4,202
Net Current Assets	23,711	5,277	3,925	32,913	33,727

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Other restricted funds	5,256	2,334	2,356	5,234
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Church Activities	6,840	2,020	-	8,860	11,477
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Mission giving and donations	2,082	1,967	-	4,049	4,907
Transfer of magazine surplus to new Benefice magazine	2,201	-	-	2,201	-
Reduction in value of Endowment Funds	-	-	277	277	-
New hall & major repairs	16,288	1,345	-	17,633	238,096
	78,669	3,941	277	82,887	309,636
Costs of generating funds	85	-	-	85	12
Total Payments	78,754	3,941	277	82,972	309,648
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REPORTS FOR APCM 2021

Electoral Roll - At April 21 there are 97 members.

During the year April 20 - April 21 New people 1: Moved away 3: Died 1

PCC Report

Members in addition to clergy and treasurer:

Warden Chris Aubrey was joined by Michael Botten at the October APCM.

Deputy Wardens Tricia McCarthy and Alison Brown: Readers: Les Carter and June Noakes (from October), Nigel Evenden and Katharine Lobo (until 2021), Pat Carter, Jill Rippon and Jean Moon (from October).

Deanery synod representatives: Les Carter Bill Darling (from October) Secretary Rita Butterworth

This is a report covering 2020 – a year like no other! Only 2 'normal' meetings were held, with email resolutions taken while government rules were observed. The APCM was delayed until October.

Discussions largely concerned the repercussions of the Covid pandemic – when and how churches could operate, financial implications and changes to agreements for use of the halls. The future of the magazine was discussed.

Treasurer's Report

Two major events dominated Church finances in 2020; one expected, the other entirely unexpected. The one we knew was going to happen, at last, was the construction of the new St Peter's Hall. This began in January and was almost complete by the end of December, at a cost of £193,918. It would not have happened without the £175,000 received from the sale of land in December 2019, although St Peter's members were also generous in financing some items of kitchen equipment and new chairs for the Hall.

All Saints' saw plenty of building activity with repairs to the glass- and stonework of the West Window (£34,578) and the refurbishment of the organ (£9,600). The organ work was funded by a number of donors, the Window by our friends at the Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust.

The unexpected but by now all too familiar event was of course the Covid pandemic. When there were no services in church there were no cash collections, but members contributed more through cheques and standing orders so income in that area stood up quite well. The greatest loss of income was from hall lettings and fund-raising activities such as the markets at St Peter's and fairs at All Saints'. Some expenditure also went down with the reduced activity so the overall loss due to Covid was about £10,000.

Although restrictions are gradually being eased and church services have started, social distancing and mask-wearing are likely to continue for the foreseeable future. This will limit some hall lettings and fund-raising events, which have already lost four months of 2021. To make ends meet we will have to rely more on personal giving, which in turn relies too much on a few big donors, none of whom is getting any younger...

Joe Butterworth

All Saints

On a regular basis every church undergoes a **Quinquennial inspection** [from the Latin words meaning "five years"]. Ours has been carried out on recent occasions by our architect and friend Robert George. Between 2018-2023 **we are required/asked** to: upgrade the lightning protection arrangements; prevent thefts, especially of valuable lead; improve internal lighting and sound-systems; check drainage and seepage [remember, large parts of Lydd are technically below sea-level]; clear invasive weeds; renew plasterwork; replace ancient and tired windows and install guards for all the glass; maintain decoration and safeguard historical items inside and outside the church; provide a safe environment for all visitors, staff and congregants.

Many of these have been addressed, but of course All Saints' has its own targets and **Mission** plans. We wanted to move the choir pews to create a larger community space; to meet one of the Quinquennial items

we needed to preserve, display and contextualise the historical artefacts [among them what Reverend Chris calls “the rocks”]; the area around the high altar needed attention; we wished to restore the old links with Lydd School; we had to be prepared for major fabric issues [for example, the present damage to the Bell-Room]; and to restore safety and commitment after the dislocation of COVID. And so on.

In October 2020 [how long ago that seems] we took on board the visit of the New Bishop of Dover to Ordain our Curate Jacky Darling, who joined a large a vital **spiritual team**, adding her skills to those of Reverend Chris, Canon Shelia McLachlan, Readers Les and [later] June. That day required a re-think of the church’s seating arrangements and safety provision.

Naturally for all these there are **Financial and Time** issues. We are blessed by the generous support of the Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust [amongst others] for their help with the majority of the costs of all the building works; the local Masons helped fund the re-siting of the old choir stalls; the Organ was totally overhauled, with significant donations from local authorities; and of course we acknowledge the sterling efforts of those who help tidy, clean, polish, prepare and maintain All Saints’ on a regular basis [We could always do with more!].

Perhaps soon we can return to those days when there was a myriad of activities inside All Saints’.

By and large All Saints’ Lydd is doing very well.

St Peter’s Church

During 2020 the church has only met 18 times due to the pandemic shut down – this meant we had somewhere to store equipment from the old hall until the new premises were ready.

During this year we have been able to have the electrics upgraded making it both safer and easier to identify faults.

The front doors have been revarnished and the poles repainted smartening the entrance. New fire doors replace the north doors giving direct access to the new hall and a new door installed giving access to the kitchen and toilets without going into the hall.

Generally the church is in good condition although in the next year work needs to be done on the pointing around the south door to prevent the damp coming in and also the interior woodwork needs repainting.

St Peter’s Hall

After 7 years work began on the new hall in January 2020 and it was dedicated by Rev Sarah Williams in October 2020. It was not an easy build because of lockdown however the builders worked throughout when they could get the materials and finally by the end of the year it was almost complete. Until the March 20 “lockdown” we were able to continue meeting in the old hall. Since October the dementia Café was able to meet once and the dog club during October and beginning of December.

Whilst the new build cost more than its original budget owing to increased prices and the difficulty obtaining supplies we are pleased to say that the costs incurred have been covered by St Peter’s and we have not had to take from the parish funds.

Our grateful thanks must be expressed to those who have worked to raise funds and to those who have given so generously providing new chairs, blinds, industrial dishwasher, new water boiler, covering the excess overspend on the fantastic kitchen and a noticeboard to advertise what is happening in the hall. Despite health problems Tricia drove the hall project from start to finish – a tremendous example of dedication and persistence

Deanery Report

Like most other activities, the activity of the deanery has been significantly affected by the pandemic., however Chapter Meetings and Mission and Ministry meetings have been continuing via zoom. The first face to face Chapter Meeting is planned for end of June. The Chapter meeting are an important forum for the Ministry Teams throughout the Deanery to share experiences and exchange ideas and concerns. During the past year the officers of the Deanery have all changed. Our Area Dean is now Rev Chris Hodgkins -, the lay chair is Ian Bentley, and the treasurer is Tony Richter. The first Deanery Synod for the

year was held at the beginning of May. The two major subjects discussed at the Synod were finance and the 171-page Diocesan report “**Towards A Flourishing & Sustainable Future**” published in March 2021. This report was put together after consulting with the 15 deaneries and this consultation was centred in this Deanery on the Mission and Ministry group but unfortunately, due to the tight timescales that were set by the bishop, early consultation with the various parishes was extremely limited. The 'Blueprint' section of this document outlines the key themes that have arisen from all this work and sets out a plan to address them. A significant observation within this report is that “**The Overall Financial situation for the Diocese is unsustainable**”, however our Benefice features as a priority and the need to find a suitable candidate to fill the position of Team Rector is seen as a top priority with the full support of the Archdeacon. Finance for this position has been secured and there is an intent for Neville Emslie to act as an external facilitator to assist in this appointment. The first advertisement for this vacancy failed to attract any applications, but the profile has been amended and the second advert has been, or is about to be, published.

Les Carter Deanery Synod Rep (now joined by Bill Darling).

Annual Report 2020

I suspect many of us would rather forget 2020. The Corona virus hit our shores at the beginning of that year and by March the nation was in lockdown. Churches were closed. Gathering for worship was forbidden. It became difficult to meet and there was a lot of frustration.

Life for many seemed to stop. There were uneven pockets of ‘virtual community’ in places. Some kept in touch supporting one another. Many of us learned to become accustomed to the blurred multiple conversations of digital platforms like Zoom and Teams. But it wasn’t entirely satisfactory.

But God never stopped; people were busy praying and studying at home. We started worshipping online – those early days of national streaming of services and, gradually as we comprehended the technology, we offered online service here. First weekly and then daily. I felt they got better as time passed; there was a regular following of around one hundred each week peaking, on two occasions, with over three hundred. These now have dropped off completely.

I should like to thank all those who helped and participated in the production of these videos. You were all stars!

We were able to offer some services and worship and one of the highlights was the visit of Bishop Rose for the priesting of Rev’d Jacky in All Saints in October. Bishop Rose was a delight and her presence here was joyful on such a special occasion.

Throughout Lockdown the church was actively at work in Foodbank. This area was particularly badly hit. We remained open throughout the pandemic and delivered almost 6,000 meals in our parish alone. It was matched by considerably generous giving and our stocks managed to hold – but it was close.

Lockdown has been hard on all of us; mentally, physically and spiritually. Many of us are tired and weary. I want to say a particular and heartfelt thank you to our church wardens and our deputy churchwardens for the tremendous work at All Saints and, particularly, with the spectacular new hall at St Peters. To Joe, our treasurer, who has conjured respectable accounts from the year and to each of and every one of you who has supported one another in prayer, in messages and in encouragement.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ^{1 Peter 5:10}

Blessings

Chris

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All other voluntary receipts	2,086	9,137	-	11,223	9,547
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Activities for generating funds	2,089	134	-	2,223	10,842
Investment income	70	287	141	498	314
Church Activities	9,381	2,096	-	11,477	26,701
Other Income: insurance claim	451	-	-	451	
Sale of land	-	-	-	0	175,000
Total Receipts	<u>100,924</u>	<u>15,580</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>116,645</u>	<u>272,842</u>
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Cash on hand	720			720	720
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Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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