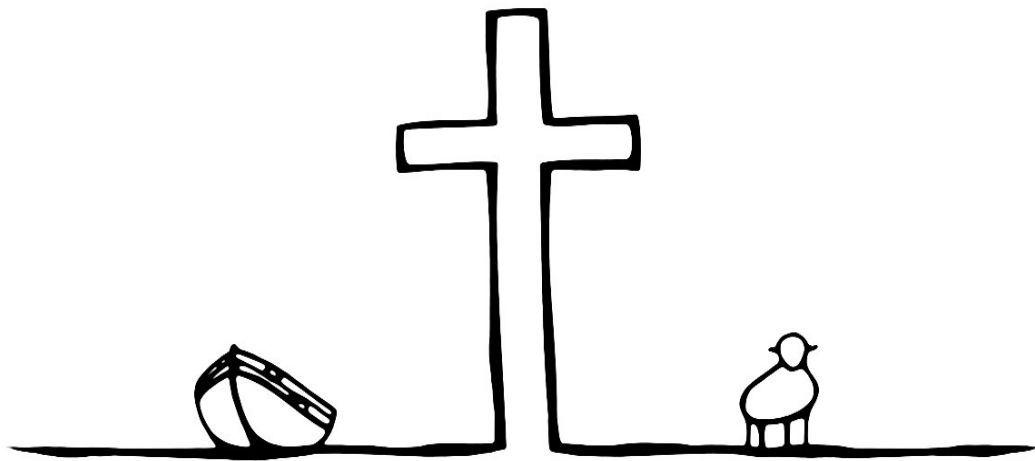


**All Saints, Lydd with St Peter's , Greatstone
Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
of the Parochial Church Council**

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

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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

27/2/24.