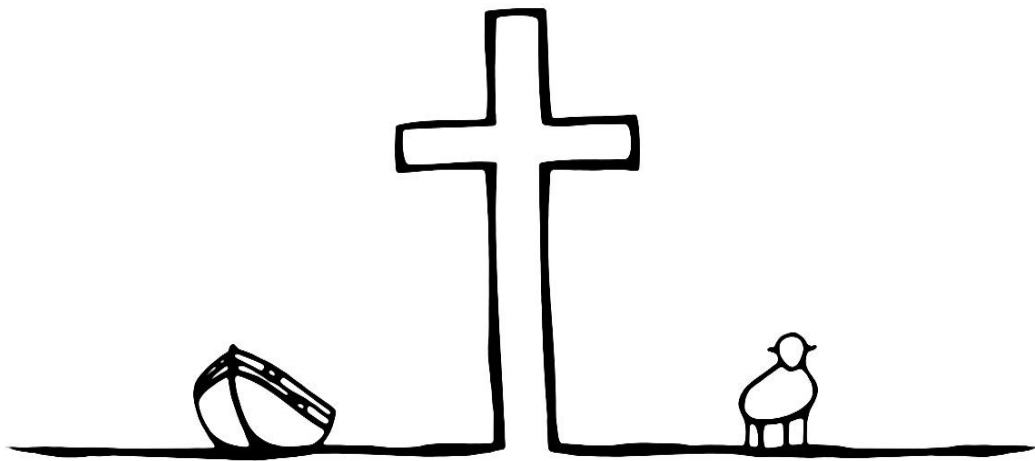


**All Saints, Lydd with St Peter's , Greatstone  
Annual Report and Statement of Accounts  
of the Parochial Church Council**

**For the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup>)</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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice services and added a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month after the introduction of a regular benefice service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

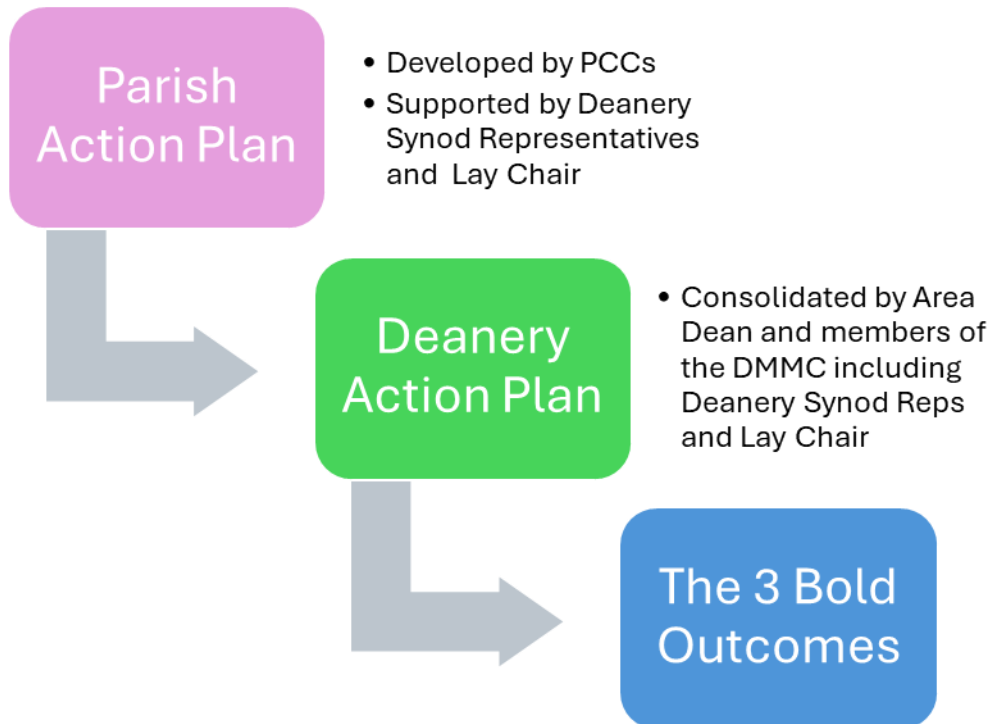
- How are our parishes engaging with mission?
- What are we doing to engage our community?
- What is your understanding of 'Mission' in today's context, locally and in the world?
- How will your understanding of mission help or hinder revitalisation in your parish, benefice or deanery

### **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
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
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
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>70,273</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>72,451</b>	<b>81,298</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
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
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>73,812</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75,658</b>	<b>74,399</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(3,539)</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>(3,207)</b>	<b>6,899</b>
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
<b>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec</b>	<b>25,731</b>	<b>13,955</b>	<b>3,704</b>	<b>43,390</b>	<b>46,597</b>

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Lydd and St. Peter's Church, Greatstone**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**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>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>					
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
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>25,731</b>	<b>13,955</b>	<b>3,704</b>	<b>43,390</b>	<b>46,597</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,732</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>13,955</b>

**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:

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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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