



# Kingsdown & Creekside PCC

## Annual Report of the Parish of Kingsdown and Creekside in the Diocese of Canterbury, 2024

The parish is now in its ninth year and is registered, as an excepted charitable organisation, in its own right. The registration no. is 1162554-0

The purpose of the parish is religious activities which are available to the general public. The PCC of the parish, which comprises the trustees of the charity, continues to operate by acting as a central reporting and decision making body for the parish as a whole and oversees the spiritual direction for the parish, maintaining seven parish churches and open churchyards via seven steering groups which are subcommittees of the PCC and attached to each church, by identifying and supporting other charitable activities as it sees fit and is able to supply from its finances and by provision of activities that may involve people living in the area who are not necessarily members of the churches. Members can be identified as those having their names entered on the church electoral roll of the parish; the current electoral roll stands at 155.

The PCC achieves its purpose by providing public worship in all licensed places of worship on a regular, identifiable basis which are open to all members of the public. Most of the church buildings are kept open at times other than advertised services for at least part of the year thus providing ready access to quiet and sacred places. There continue to be ideas under discussion to improve the facilities of a number of church buildings in the parish. One of the churches has a monthly café serving hot breakfasts, drinks, cakes in order to make the Church a more visible presence in the community and give an opportunity for the wider population to meet together and become familiar with the church building.

Another place of worship within the parish is the Teynham Parochial Church of England (Controlled) Primary School. Collective Worship led by the Clergy team takes place on a weekly basis in term-time with parents included for special celebrations such as Christmas and Easter. A Light Party is held for Primary aged and a second one for Secondary Aged Children at Halloween with invitations being sent widely through the Communities. The local primary schools are visited regularly by

clergy and others where they lead assemblies and are closely involved in the governance of the Voluntary Controlled School in Teynham.

The All Together Now service, started in 2022, is continuing to be held at one of Our Churches with a specific aim to reach out to families. This monthly service has been growing in numbers of adults and children attending.

Our isolated rural church with no main services continues to offer a service of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month during the summer. Additional pastoral work is undertaken including visiting the sick and bereaved, providing social contact and activities through other regular meetings.

The Occasional Offices of Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings are a normal part of our mission and outreach to the wider community in the parish.

Members of one of the church communities are also closely involved in the running of groups for young people such as scouts, cubs and beavers and a local preschool group.

Each church has 2 services a month and a Benefice service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. Our remote Church holds a Service at Easter and a Carol event at Christmas with a summer series of monthly holy communion services.

A daily Morning Prayer service, live-streamed on Facebook, has continued since the first one took place on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The PCC met four times in the year, with an extra meeting to approve the accounts, in order to set the overall spiritual direction of the parish, to review what it has done in the past and to identify how it might advance the mission of the church in general. Individual churches also support various other charitable activities as they see fit. The Annual Parochial Church meeting took place during and after a service in May.

The PCC continues to be represented in the local organisation of the Church of England at both deanery and diocesan level.

The ministry of the church is provided not only by ordained clergy but by a strong team of lay people both licensed and authorised. This enables the PCC to ensure that there is a wide range and number of services in the parish each Sunday (apart from the fifth Sunday of a month when a Benefice Service is held at one of the churches on a rotating basis.). All of these activities are ways in which we work to meet the objectives of the charity.

### Administrative Details

The address for correspondence is and registered office of the charity is:

The Vicarage,  
The Street, Doddington  
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ME9 0BH

Membership of the PCC and trustees Clergy:

Rev Paula Jardine-Rose  
Revd Jim Pye

Churchwardens:

Charlotte Relf  
Sophia Steel  
Bruce Leckie  
Les Roberts  
Bob Prichard  
David Willis

Members:

Joyce Trim  
David Buckett  
Heather Parry  
Cheryl Tomsett  
Julie Redgrove

Deanery Synod Representative:

Sue Baldry  
Catherine Richardson  
Lissie Bayford

Officers:

Joyce Warren.	Treasurer
Heather Parry	Secretary

**KINGSDOWN & CREEKSIDE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**BENEFICE ACCOUNT**

**1 January to 31 December 2024**

**RECEIPTS**

**PARISH SHARE TRANSFERS**

Doddington	£11,342	
Lynsted	£8,930	
Newnham	£13,683	
Norton	£9,879	
Oare	£11,973	
Teynham	£12,425	
Wychling	£1,929	£70,161

**INSURANCE TRANSFERS**

Doddington	£2,252	
Lynsted	£3,041	
Newnham	£2,391	
Norton	£1,092	
Oare	£1,510	
Teynham	£2,730	
Wychling	£1,244	£14,261

Fees Received £15,469

Clergy Fees - Funerals ? £180

High Downs - Shared Ministry Costs £573

Donations - Benefice via Stripe Churchdesk £39  
Donations - Steering Groups via Stripe Churchdesk £673 £711

Growbaby Donations - restricted £489  
CT Gift £635  
Sound System Donations - restricted -£1,000 £124

Steering Group Transfers 2024 £3,987

**TOTAL RECEIPTS: £105,465**

**PAYMENTS**

Parish Share £67,231  
Administrator £5,399

Insurance £14,627

Bellringers/ Organist/ Choir £2,812  
CDBF Fees £4,683

Clergy Expenses  
Mileage Benefice £1,279  
Conferences/ Training £0  
Other Expenses £1,643 £2,922

Visiting Clergy Expenses £0

Printing/ Stationery £1,623  
Postage £119  
Telephone/ Broadband £1,630  
Utilities £480  
Service Expenses £139  
Wedding Prep £0  
Churchdesk £120

Special occasions £296  
C T Gift £600  
Data Protection £275  
Growbaby £992  
Rector's Discretionary Fund £0  
Transfers to Steering Groups £727

**TOTAL PAYMENTS: £104,675**

**Balance b/f 1 January 2024**

Income	£29,521	
Expenditure	£105,465	
	-£104,675	
<b>Balance carried forward 31 December 2024</b>		<b>£30,311</b>

**Represented by**

Bank	£22,454	
Debtors (Note 2)	£8,584	
Creditors (Note 3)	-£727	
		<b>£30,311</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT**

1 . Bal b/f adjusted due to audit adjustment of 2023 parish share

**2. Debtors**

Bal b/f 1 Jan 24	£8,682	
Receipts 2024		£4,084
Receipts due Dec 24	£3,987	
Bal c/f 31 Dec 24		<b>£8,584</b>
	£12,669	£12,669

**3 .Creditors**

Bal b/f 1 Jan 24		£3,918
Payments made in 2024	£3,918	
Payments due 2024		£727
Bal c/f 31 Dec 24	£727	
	£4,645	£4,645

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**to the**  
**Parochial Church Council Kingsdown & Creekside**

This report on the Benefice accounts of the P.C.C. for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out in the Annual Report and Financial Statement, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the members of the P.C.C. you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (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 P.C.C. and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act.

*Miles Lemon*

*Original signed*

**Miles Lemon FCG/FCIS**

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30 April 2025