

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS BIRCHINGTON WITH ST MILDRED ACOL AND ST THOMAS MINNIS BAY

England & Wales · Charity number 1163660

Details

Other names BIRCHINGTON PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2015-09-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: The PCC Charitable objects (Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church) are primarily focused on the advancement of religion, which is recognized as a charitable purpose having public benefit.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, 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	£141,865	£151,569	-	-
2023-12-31	£169,849	£130,080	-	-
2022-12-31	£139,149	£142,757	-	-
2021-12-31	£113,160	£120,683	-	-
2020-12-31	£113,103	£109,290	-	-

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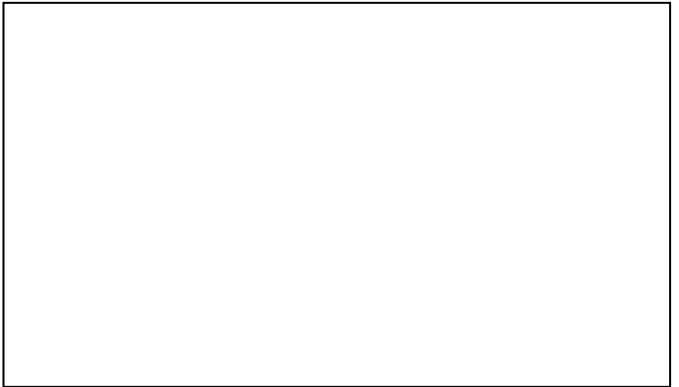
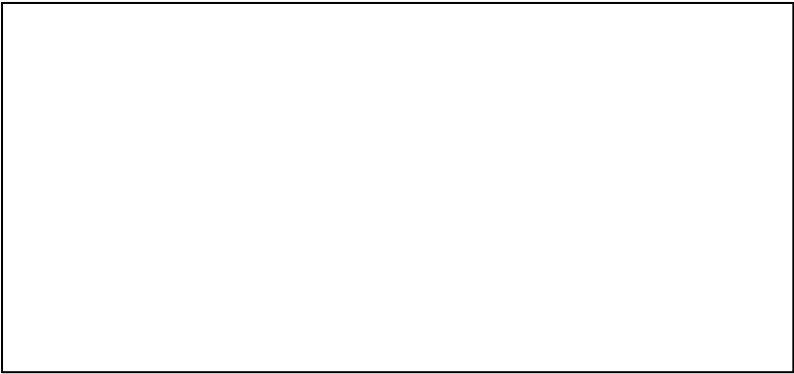
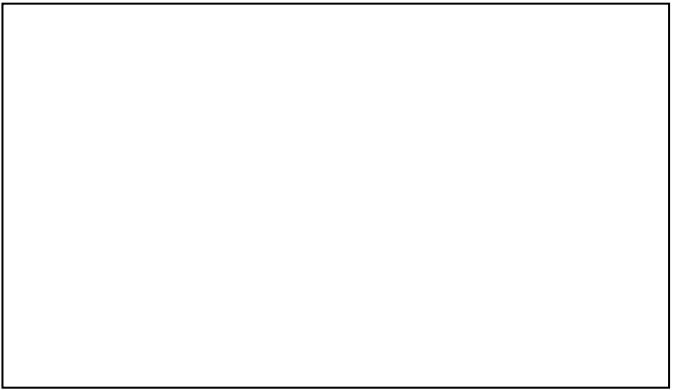
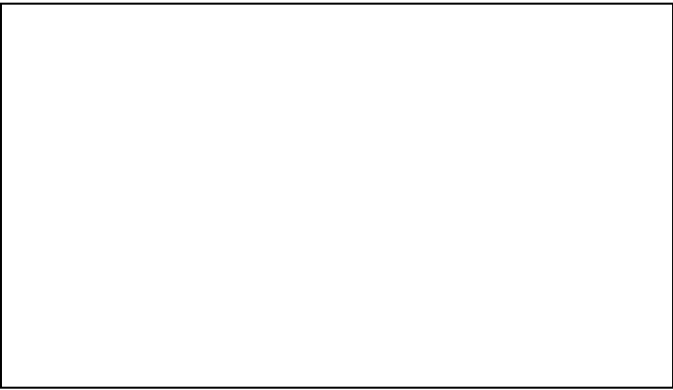
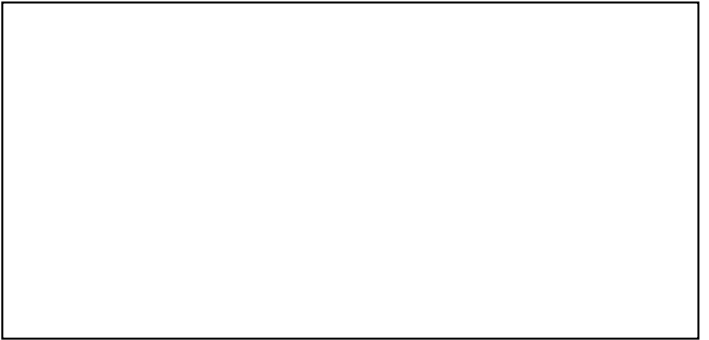
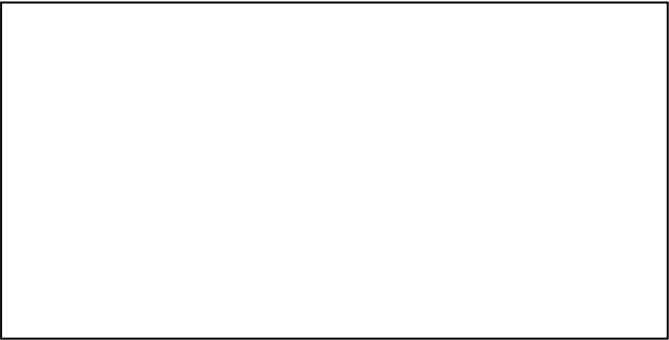
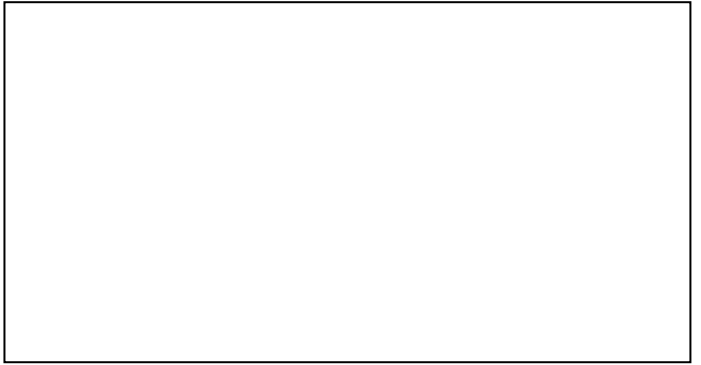
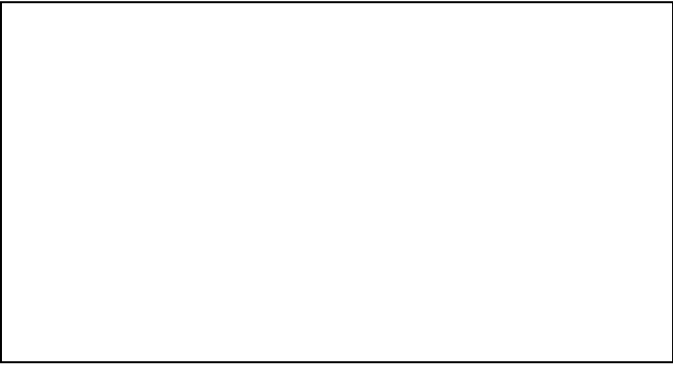
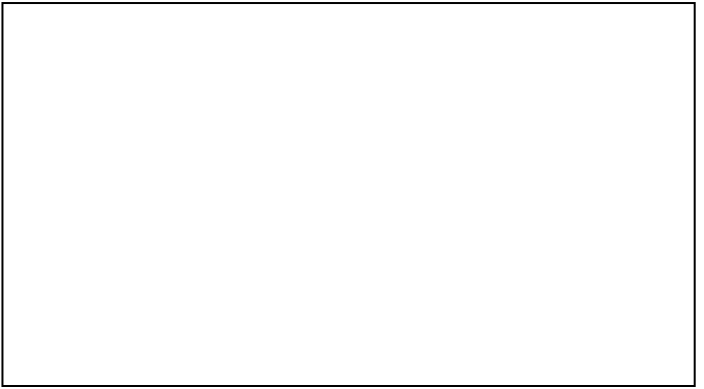
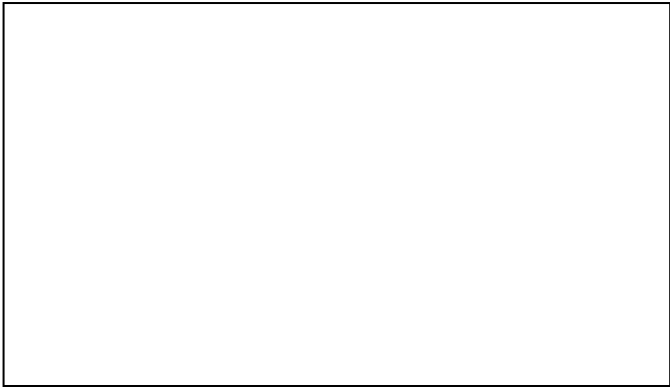
Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Mark Peter Ham	Chair	2020-02-05
DAVE ALKER		2010-04-01
Douglas George Holmes		2020-10-11
GEOFF PEGG		2010-04-01
Gillian Mary Whitehead		2024-05-19
Kathleen Patricia Porteous		2024-05-19
LORAINNE ANNE BANT		2010-04-01
Michael John Little		2018-10-14
Neville Hudson		2023-05-28
Paul John Albert Seymour		2024-05-19
Paul Webster		2023-05-28
Rev James Barber		2025-06-28
SARA GOWER		2010-04-01
Timothy Mark Maakestad		2021-06-21
Timothy Simon Attride		2024-05-19

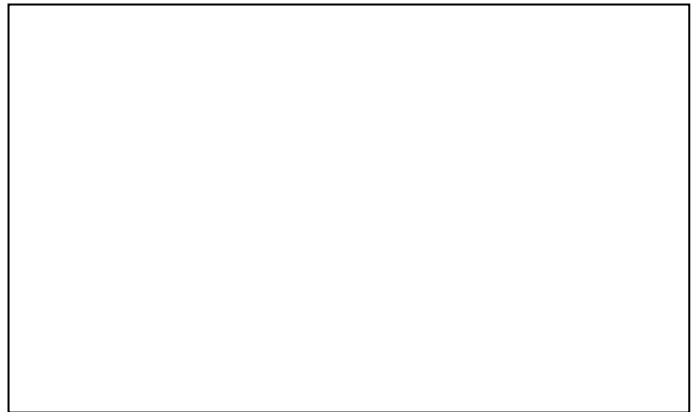
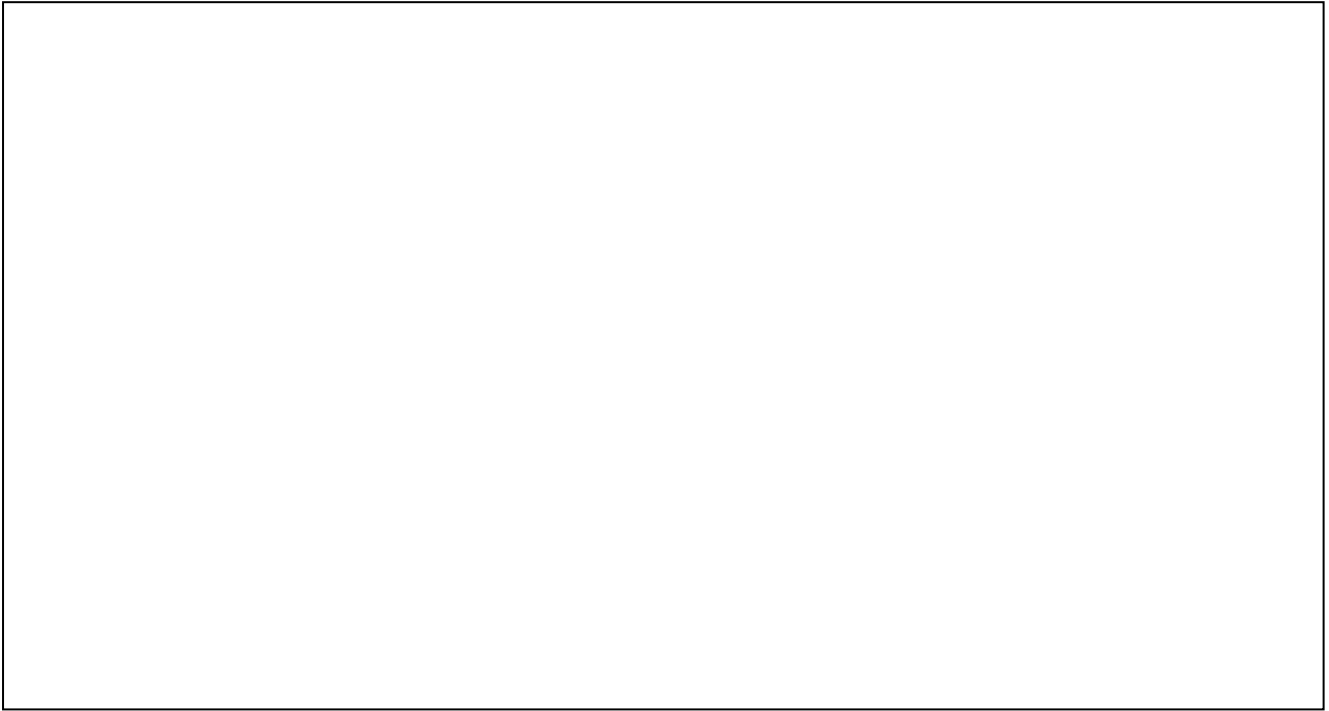
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Priest-in-Charge (PiC) Report 2024 – Revd Mark Ham

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Churchwardens' Report 2024

2024 was a busy year which saw repair work being carried out to help to maintain the estate. These are the additional works that have been undertaken alongside the usual tasks that are day to day activities by the Churchwarden

January 2024 - The pitched roof on Church House was found to be rotten and a health and safety issue if someone stood on it. There was no insulation in place, so this was needed - work completed (funded from the sale of the Vicarage land)

Church railings painting completed by Community Payback - cost to Church - materials only.

Church House redecorated by Community Payback – cost to Church – materials only

Broken floor tiles in All Saints – Replaced free of charge by Jon Martin

St Mildreds Church closed due to health and safety issues re roof – especially porch roof

March 2024 – Kearns Hall redecoration by Community Payback – cost to Church materials only

Gardening at Kearns Hall by Community Payback – cost to Church materials only

Theft of lead and Kent peg tiles off All Saints Church – insurance claim – ongoing over summer – work completed Autumn 2024 – cost to Church excess payment on policy

Parish and Bookings Administrator left her position due to ill health

Annual boiler inspection carried out by CS Heating

June 2024 – Estates Committee established to support the work of the Churchwardens and PiC re the estate of the Parish. Meets prior to PCC meetings.

All portable electrical equipment PAT tested – 7 out of 135 tested items failed and disposed of. Kettles and urns to be descaled regularly to prolong their life.

Church House, St Thomas, Kearns Hall and All Saints – 5yearly Electrical inspection. Ongoing issues with Church House – removal of fuse board and asbestos needed and a new fuse board to replace the old one

Three times per year meetings to be held with the Churchyard volunteers – coffee morning in thanks for their excellent work

September 2024 – emergency hedge cutting required at St Thomas’ - Health and safety issues rectified by Rev Mark and

LB and a gardener then tidied up the hedge – this will now be untaken by the gardener on a twice a year agreement.

Toilet seats replaced in Church House

November 2024 – New lock for Kearns Hall required – completed using a restricted key which will be given out as necessary – cost from St Thomas funds

Prices obtained to upgrade Kearns Hall

Dead cherry tree at St Thomas removed no cost to Parish

Radiators in All Saints Church not hot – radiators bled

Organ not working – TA organised repairs – no cost to the Parish

Lightning conductor requires upgrading – awaiting Diocese “expert” to visit

Oven door at CH needs repair – completed

Disabled parking / dip in carpark requires investigation

Weeds in front of Kearns Hall shed need removing – weed killer used regularly.

Egg off All Saints vestry door removed

State of Lychgate to be investigated

Estates committee working on a Capital programme.

Urinals in Church House to be replaced

We have called out CS Heating to repair boiler issues 4 times

We applied twice to the Diocesan Registrar for two addition ledger stones to be placed on graves and both applications were accepted at no cost to this Parish but to applicant.

Mia Ottley started work as our Parish and Booking Administrator in December 2024; she has made an excellent start and she is line managed by a Churchwarden.

The churches/halls and grounds are checked by a Churchwarden weekly.

The Estates committee met on July 31st and October 17th in 2024 as well as starting work on a capital programme in the July meeting we discussed movement of gravestones, the fuseboard in Church House, the allotments and the insurance work to replace the stolen lead and tiles from All Saints Church. In the October meeting signs asking dog walkers to keep their dogs under control were put up. N Hudson agreed to PAT test the church's Christmas tree lights, and it was noted that the outside repairs had been completed on All Saints roof.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to Tim Attride for the work he has done on the lights and intends to carry out over the next few months.

Thanks to Jon Martin for all the extras he carries out for us at no cost.

Thanks to the Community Payback team.

Thank you to the Churchyard Volunteers who have made such a difference to the Churchyard.

Thank you to Mark for having a hands-on approach and gives so much support and thank you to all the volunteers who help keep our buildings clean and tidy.

Loraine Bant and Paul Seymour, Churchwardens.

Annual Safeguarding Report 2024.

There have been three referrals to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) over the year January 2024 - December 2024. These were all referred to the DSO for advice and no further action was taken except to update the DSO on one occasion.

The renewal of Safeguarding qualifications for key people working in the Parish both in a voluntary and paid positions has started and members of the PCC have had to undertake safeguarding training in Domestic Violence and the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Priest-in-Charge (PiC) have also needed to undertake Safer Recruitment training.

Deirdre Elliott has taken on the role of DBS Officer as Tessa Hinge had carried out this role up until her death.

Loraine Bant, Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Birchington Church of England Primary School Annual Report 2024

We have three Foundation Governors in place at the School; Rev Mark is an ex officio governor and I am Chair of Governors after just under seventeen years of holding this position. Rev Mark and I both have a responsibility for RE, Spirituality and Collective Worship and Tina Seymour, our third Foundation Governor holds the responsibility for Art and Music and also the Student Council. I lead on Safeguarding, SEND and Healthy Mind /Health Body too.

The School had good SATs results last year and a good number of the year 6 pupils passed their Kent Test to move onto grammar schools.

The School went through significant change last year, the Headteacher retired, and two other senior members of staff left at the end of the school year. In January 2024, we appointed an excellent replacement for Kath Barham who left the School after seventeen years of headship. Unfortunately, Louise Wilson, our new Headteacher was diagnosed with a brain tumour and after a successful operation started full time as Headteacher In January 2025.

The church – school links are excellent, and we run a Messy Church Club, Pupil and Staff Prayer groups. Rev Mark and I lead Collective Worships twice a term for both key stages and attend to monitor other Collective Worships regularly. We all attend meetings/learning walks/ book checks/ and pupil voice at least three times a year per subject.

We have introduced the school to Highfields Care Home to undertake Intergenerational work to support our own club run with the School.

Rev Mark and I attend lessons to support the curriculum and have a programme of study that each year group follows during arranged Church visits.

We worked with ACTS (Active Christianity in Thanet School) to deliver “Christmas Unwrapped”. Our regular “Together” service in school bringing parent/carers, pupils/siblings/grandparents

and staff together for worship is a mix of Café church and Messy Church with singing, Bible stories and reflection.

Supper Club goes from strength to strength and the children attending played a large part in leading parts of our Crib service. We have handed the Breakfast Time initiative back to the school after three and a half years of success in addressing all sorts of poverty and other social issues.

The School held a number of their services in All Saints and we especially enjoyed hosting a celebration and thanksgiving for Kath Barham's service to the School and were joined by members of the Diocese and the county's Education People.

We are continuing to develop further links.

BCEP School, Rev Mark, Tina and I thank you for all the support you gave to the school – Christmas gifts, Easter Eggs, money donations, books and donations to the welfare fund.

Lorraine Bant, Chair of Governors.

All Saints' Committee 2024 Annual Report

Although it had been decided at the start of 2024 to continue as a committee it became increasingly apparent that its remit overlapped significantly with the 'Congregation Feedback Forum' set up by Mark and the Fund-raising group chaired by Sara Gower. As a consequence the group did not meet in 2024 and towards the end of the year it was decided to formally disband to avoid overlap

The balances of the accounts associated with All Saints as at 31.12.24:

All Saints account	£4,159
Church House fund	£2,366
All Saints Restoration Fund	£5,626
Quex Fund	£1,287

I'd like to thank the members of the All Saints committee for their many contributions over the years. They were a motivated and enthusiastic group who had the best interests of All Saints and its congregation at heart

'Open Church' 2024 Annual Report

The committee kept All Saints open on Saturday mornings in 2024 from 1000 to 1200 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteer team. Although visitor numbers are generally small, it provides a welcome opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer as well as making the church accessible to those interested in our architectural heritage or who have past connections with the church

A proposal to open on Wednesday mornings was abandoned because of a lack of volunteers

Dave Alker

Consultative Forum (CoCoa) 2024 Report

At the 27th June 2024 PCC it was agreed that the three Church Committees would be discontinued and for a Consultative Forum to be created with representatives from the three Church communities invited following a time of prayer and discernment by the Priest-in-Charge. It has met so far on 22nd November 2024, 22nd January 2025 and 26th March 2025.

The following matters have been discussed:

- Birthdays and celebrations in Church and favourite hymns.
- Volume of organ during Church services.
- Young people and schools.
- PCC representation and ex-officio membership.
- Prayer Tree.
- Heating in Church.
- Sides people and welcoming.
- Parish Newsletter and Parish Magazine.
- Hymn Books.
- Open Church & improvements in noticeboards.
- Christmas services.
- Intergenerational Clubs.
- Dogs on Leads.
- Seamarsh Group and its current status.
- Flowers on the Garden of Remembrance at All Saints Church.

Discussions have been constructive and have helped to bring some improvements in the Parish.

Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge.

Junior Church Report 2024

Junior Church has continued to meet on a weekly basis apart from the school summer holidays. Our numbers ranged from 2 to 9 per week. Three of our group went onto senior school in September and were given bibles as leaving presents. Our regular number at the end of 2024 was 7 although there are a few that drop in and out of the group at various times.

We continued using the 'Roots' books for our work and activities to follow the same lectionary as the church.

We went to see Jack and the beanstalk in February, performed by the Birchington Guild of Players. Once again, this was enjoyed by all.

Rev Mark joined us on several occasions during the year and was very good in joining in with the craft activities!

Thank you to Sue for her continued help and support every week. Also, thank you to Deirdre for stepping in when needed.

Sara Gower, Junior Church.

Pastoral Friends Report 2024

Pastoral Friends remains active in the Parish and in 2024 served lunches once a month in Kearns Hall to between 30 and 40 people. The aim of this lunch is to provide company for those who are alone or find leaving their home difficult. There was no lunch in August, but an afternoon tea was held instead which proved to be popular. The year ended with a Christmas lunch at our December meeting.

A 'big thank you' to all the cooks, waiters, and those who clear up and provide lifts for these events.

Twice a month Pastoral Friends host a Coffee Morning so that members of our community can enjoy friendship and fellowship and Rev Mark is available should anyone need to speak with him.

Donations given at both of these events plus gifts from other people ensure that these two activities are self-financed.

Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge.

Communications Report 2024

A weekly newsletter has continued to be produced with service type, church and times, Bible readings and the Collects for the next seven days. A prayer list was also included as well as information about forthcoming baptisms, marriages and funerals. Forthcoming events for the diary, and other information about the Parish are also regular features. The newsletter is available in paper form every Sunday at church services and is posted on Facebook, the Parish Website, A Church Near You and is displayed in our church noticeboards.

Our Facebook page is still operative and now has **over 1,000 members** and is used to post information and messages of encouragement. A Social Media Policy was adopted by the PCC in March 2024 which continues to be in place.

The noticeboards are regularly reviewed and refreshed on a weekly basis.

The PCC agreed that within ten days of a PCC meeting draft minutes would be sent to the PCC members, and a summary of those minutes posted in a file in all of our churches for the congregations to read. Signed copies of the PCC meeting are posted after the meeting at which the minutes are signed and again placed in the files at the back of the churches. This arrangement continues with good effect.

Articles are placed in the Parish magazine to communicate work that is ongoing in the Parish by the Priest-in-Charge or other individuals. Thank you to the Hinges for their unstinting work in editing and producing the Parish Magazine and for Bob who continued to edit it following the death of Tessa and who retired from the March 2025 edition. Mia Ottley, our Parish & Booking Administrator, is now the Editor and has taken up the role with interest and enthusiasm and we thank you for her commitment.

The Parish Website is ongoing and many thanks to Chris Hedges for its upkeep until his retirement in early 2025 when his role was undertaken by Mia.

I acknowledge fully that I do not always get communications right and so please let me know how communications can be improved if you have any views or ideas.

Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge.

Choir and Organ Report 2024.

As reported previously, we have suffered with numbers since returning after the pandemic. Following some advertising seeking new members, I am pleased to welcome Sonny into the choir, and we await the outcome of a couple more potential contacts. We are maintaining music during the Communion almost every week and sang again at the ecumenical Good Friday service. As is becoming traditional, we were able to augment the choir for the Lessons & Carols service and received many appreciative comments.

The organ remains in good condition, with just very minor ongoing maintenance required.

Alessandro is returning later this year for his next recital, and I hope that more from the congregation will attend to enjoy this.

I remain very grateful to Chris Hedges for his work at St Thomas and hope that we may work more closely in the future, bearing in mind the potential changes being discussed at present.

Bell-ringing Report 2024.

As in past years, we continue to ring a quarter-peal each Sunday morning – just occasionally having to call in a ringer from elsewhere due to holidays and other commitments. Many of these quarters are rung and named for special birthdays or anniversaries, or in memory etc. of either members of the congregation or local residents. As in previous years, we have also rung many new methods over the last twelve months - 26 this year - giving us the privilege of naming them for, e.g. Saints Days, specific Sundays etc. We have now rung over 580 different methods altogether.

Tim Attride, Director of Music.

CAMEO Report 2024
(Come And Meet Each Other)

CAMEO is a program of talks and activities for women. We hold our meetings on the afternoon of the second Thursday of the month at our members' homes.

This year we have had talks on Coastal birds, Isle of Iona, Bellringing, mindfulness and St Peter's village followed by a tour of the village. We have also had a demonstration of Japanese drumming.

We have been collecting 5p's for the Birchington Food Bank and have raised £75 so far.

The meetings are informal and we welcome new members.

Deirdre Elliott, Co-ordinator

Treasurer's Report 2024

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Parish Fundraising Report 2024

It was a busy year for the fundraising committee in 2024 with a lot of events taking place. The year started with a Gospel Big Sing and a table top sale. There were also the Parish Breakfasts (x4), which are always well attended. With further events including an organ recital, a games evening, Churchyard tour, Harvest Supper, a craft fair and the Christmas Sing-along.

Thank you to Mike little for organising two quizzes.

Our big fundraiser for the year was a concert by the Railway Swing Band in October. This raised a magnificent amount of over £1,700 and went into our restoration fund.

Other fundraising included our 100 club, book, plant and card sales, the new InPost lockers, Easy Fundraising and last but not least – recycling. Monies raised amounted to over £8,000.

A huge thank you to everyone on the team and to all those who have helped at various fundraising events. We couldn't do without you. Thank you also to all who have supported by coming along to the events.

Sara Gower, Treasurer.

PCC Report 2024

The PCC, comprising of 17 members (including Chair & Secretary), met six times in 2024, including two extraordinary meetings, as follows:

25th January, Ordinary meeting, 15 present, 1 apology, 1 absence.

14th March, Ordinary meeting, 12 present, 5 apologies.

27th June, Ordinary meeting, 12 present, 5 apologies.

11th July, Extraordinary meeting, 17 present.

26th September, Ordinary meeting, 13 present, 4 apologies.

7th November, Extraordinary meeting, 13 present, 3 apologies, 1 absence.

Matters discussed included:

Mission Planning;

Finances, including Total Return on Investments;

Safeguarding;

Sale of Buildings, including initial consultation meetings attendance / feedback etc.;

General maintenance and repair to all buildings including theft of lead / tiles, Lottery grants to cover major costs, PAT testing;

Hall bookings;

Employment of Church Administrator;

Deanery and Diocesan Synod reports;

Planned fundraising events;

Churchyard care and maintenance;

Service planning and details, including Family Eucharist, potential return to the Common Cup and the role of Lay Ministers;

Reordering of All Saints Birchington;

Local Church Committees for All Saints, Birchington, St Mildred's & St. Thomas Churches;

Social Media guidelines;

Liaison with and support for Park Lane School.

Thanks to members ending their stint and welcome to new members.

Tim Attride, PCC Secretary.

Deanery Synod Report 2024

Deanery Synod met three times in 2024.

At our March meeting the Deanery Plan was discussed and Eco Church

On July 4th we met at St Peter' Church, Broadstairs. On the agenda was Eco Church. We also had part of the meeting in breakout groups where Parishes were encouraged to discuss their successes and challenges ours being Breakfast Time and Supper Club and supporting older people as our strengths and encouraging young people to attend Church, the Parish Share and buildings as our challenges.

The Deanery Growth day was cancelled, and we were informed that +Rose would visit the Deanery in the Spring of 2025.

Wellbeing was discussed after a presentation at the November Synod – Mark and I were unable to attend at the last minute due to an urgent Parish matter and our other two reps were unavailable.

Rev Mark Ham and Loraine Bant.

(Doug Holmes and Tim Maakestad).

Diocesan Synod Report 2024

Diocesan Synod also met three times over the year:

On 16th March we were introduced to the new Diocesan Secretary – Iain Blythe and we enjoyed what we now know was our last Presidential address by ++ Justin Welby. After a presentation on Mission there was table and whole room discussion followed by information on strategy,

At our Diocesan Synod on 3rd July 2024 the following was covered:

The report from General Synod.

a presentation on and approval of 2023 Diocesan Annual Report.

we approved of Annual Report of the Diocesan Board of Education.

indicative Budgets for 2025.

Diocesan Financial Projections to 2030.

and net Zero Carbon Updates.

At our third meeting in November the Strategic Programme was introduced covering Revitalisation, Young Disciple and New Christian Communities. We also discussed Youth Ministry, Deanery Planning, Net Zero and financial strategy and budgets.

There was also a Diocesan Roadshow in Minister on September 5th MH and LB. LB attended the Creating Routes for Growing Disciples workshop and MH the Mission Action Planning for a Sustainable Future workshop. (There were also workshops run on Faith Speaking, noticing and naming God's Movement and Parish Share and how parishes will be able to afford it workshops.)

We gave a brief talk on Good News Stories in our Parish - no other Parish offered anything!

Rev Mark Ham and Loraine Bant.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report
A.P.C.M. Sunday 18th May 2025.

Every six years a new Electoral Roll has to be prepared.
Therefore, a new Roll has been prepared for 2025.

The number of parishioners recorded on this Electoral Roll as of
todays A.P.C.M. is **96.**

Geoff Pegg

Electoral Roll Officer.

**The Parochial Church Council
of
The Ecclesiastical Parish
of
All Saints Birchington
with
St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay**

(Charity Commission Registration Number : 1163660)

Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 December 2024

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Birchington with St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
Other name	Birchington PCC
Registered Charity Number	1163660
Principal address	The Parish Office, Church House, Kent Gardens BIRCHINGTON, Kent CT7 9RS

Trustees who manage the charity

The Reverend Mark Ham	Vicar and Chairman
Loraine Bant	Churchwarden
Michael Little	Churchwarden to May 2024
Paul Seymour	Churchwarden from May 2024
Timothy Attride	Secretary
Sara Gower	Treasurer
David Alker	
Tessa Hinge	died May 2024
Douglas Holmes	
Maureen Hudson	
Neville Hudson	
Michael Little	from May 2024
Timothy Maakestad	
Geoffrey Pegg	
Kathleen Porteous	from May 2024
Janette Porter	
Michael Ransley	to May 2024
Paul Seymour	to May 2024
Bernard Taylor	
Paul Webster	
Gillian Whitehead	from May 2024

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2024

Names and addresses of advisors

Bankers	HSBC Westwood Cross Shopping Centre 26 Margate Road, Broadstairs CT10 2BF
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Investment Managers	CCLA Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
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Independent examiner	Andrew Webster FCA DChA 48 St Martin's Hill, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1PP
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document	Issued by the Church of England and adopted 2 January 1957
How the charity is constituted	A formerly excepted charity as a Church of England Parish
Trustee selection methods	Trustees elected for a three year period by the members of the Church who are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church') are primarily focussed on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge and open to all. In addition the PCC's further activities as listed below also have public benefit

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2024

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provision of public worship in the parish church of All Saints Birchington and at the churches of St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
- The provision of sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation
- The provision of pastoral work, including the visiting of the sick and bereaved.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The promotion of the whole mission of the Church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups.
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC aims to follow the advice of the Charity Commission in this respect but at the moment is having concerns in connection with paying the annual Parish Share to the Diocese.

Funds materially in deficit

No fund of the charity is in deficit.

Accounting responsibilities of the trustees

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts the trustees

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent:
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2024

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Treasurer's Report - year ended 31 December 2024

It has been another challenging and eventful year financially and again we have been unable to pay our full Parish Share. However we did pay £50,000 out of the £83,514 requested. Unfortunately our arrears to the Diocese are adding up and now stand at over £119,000.

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Incoming Resources	2					
Voluntary income:						
Incoming resources from donors		48,325	6,950		55,275	58,778
Other voluntary incoming resources						
Activities for generating funds:		38,820	2,900		41,720	41,450
Receipts from Church Activities		3,382	-		3,382	4,846
Other ordinary income resources:		13,144	222		13,366	37,243
Income from investments:		2,978	23,103	2,041	28,122	27,532
Total Incoming Resources		106,649	33,175	2,041	141,865	169,849
Resources Expended	3					
Costs of generating funds:						
Fund-raising and publicity		1,122	-		1,122	1,479
Charitable activities:						
Grants made		1,365	1,351		2,716	4,314
Direct ministry expenditure		30,224	20,000		50,224	65,619
Church running expenses		31,220	1,052		32,272	27,905
Salaries and support costs		6,856	-		6,856	3,867
Church hall running costs		19,024	-		19,024	11,778
Administration		6,118	3,306		9,424	11,946
Major works		11,434	18,497		29,931	3,172
Total Resources Used		107,363	44,206	-	151,569	130,080
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)						
Resources Before Transfers		-714	-11,031	2,041	-9,704	39,769
Transfers between funds			295,149	-295,149		
Repayment of endowment			1,000		1,000	3,000
Increase in value of investments				18,730	18,730	71,068
Net Movement in Funds		-714	285,118	-274,378	10,026	113,837
Balances at 1 January 2024		3,014	83,447	858,073	944,534	830,697
Balances at 31 December 2024		2,300	368,565	583,695	954,560	944,534

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

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Fixed Assets						
Investment assets						
CBF Total return fund	4		253,361	500,000	753,361	817,096
Other funds				82,437	82,437	
COIF				1,258	1,258	1,230
		-	253,361	583,695	837,056	818,326
Current Assets						
Cash at bank and in hand						
Cash in hand			-	-	-	5
Current Account		1,551			1,551	1,568
Savings Account			69,208		69,208	80,655
CBF deposits		749	45,996		46,745	43,980
Net Current Assets		2,300	115,204	-	117,504	126,208
Net Assets	£	2,300	368,565	583,695	954,560	944,534
Funds						
Unrestricted						
General Fund		1,551			1,551	1,568
Capital Reserve		749		44,701	45,450	45,147
		2,300	0	44,701	47,001	46,715
Restricted						
Church Lands	4		296,914	500,000	796,914	776,438
Emma Simmons	5		583	1,258	1,841	1,783
Acol Churchyard Fund(SP)	5		9	27,007	27,016	26,639
Education Trust	5		1,851	10,729	12,580	12,299
Other restricted funds	5		69,208		69,208	80,660
			368,565	538,994	907,559	897,819
Total Funds	£	2,300	368,565	583,695	954,560	944,534

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

2025 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as and when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and can identify the amount due.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross

Sales of magazines from the church are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Resources expended

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. During the year ended 31 December 2024 £50,000 was paid against an amount requested of £83,514.

Over the last six years a total of £119,332 has been underpaid to the Diocese against the amounts requested. No provision has been made for this amount in these accounts in accordance with advice received from Diocesan House.

Investments

Stock exchange investments are included at the mid market value on the date of the Balance Sheet. The three areas of land have not been included on the Balance Sheet as they are regarded to be of little or no commercial value.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources from donors					
Planned Giving	26,641			26,641	32,715
Collections	8,008			8,008	6,448
Collections for charities	1,365			1,365	1,937
Income Tax Recovered	7,867			7,867	9,460
Donations & Legacies	4,444	6,950		11,394	8,218
	48,325	6,950		55,275	58,778
Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising activities	5,570	2,900		8,470	6,347
Magazine	828			828	1,077
Church Hall Lettings	32,422			32,422	34,026
	38,820	2,900		41,720	41,450
Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees	3,382			3,382	4,846
Other ordinary income resources					
Insurance claims	11,434			11,434	3,290
Sale of land - Vicarage				-	33,402
Grant from KCC				-	
Sundry income	1,710	222		1,932	551
	13,144	222	-	13,366	37,243
Income from investments					
Interest - Bank savings account		1,336		1,336	1,195
CBF Funds	1,303	21,767	2,041	25,111	23,685
Rent from land	1,675			1,675	2,652
	2,978	23,103	2,041	28,122	27,532
Total Receipts	106,649	33,175	2,041	141,865	169,849

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

3 Resources Used

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fund raising and publicity					
Fund raising expenses	330			330	687
Magazines	792			792	792
	1,122	-		1,122	1,479
Grants made					
Charitable giving	1,365	1,351		2,716	4,314
Direct ministry expenditure					
Parish Share	30,000	20,000		50,000	65,000
Clergy working expenses	224			224	619
	30,224	20,000		50,224	65,619
Church running expenses					
Upkeep of services	4,408			4,408	5,160
Gas, Electric & Water	12,833			12,833	7,739
Insurance	9,856			9,856	9,714
Repairs & Maintenance	4,123	1,052		5,175	5,292
	31,220	1,052		32,272	27,905
Salaries and support costs	6,856			6,856	3,867
Church hall running costs	19,024			19,024	11,778
Administration					
Printing & Stationery	3,721			3,721	5,510
Miscellaneous	709	3,306		4,015	2,784
Bank Charges	238			238	252
Independent Examiner	450			450	400
Loan repayment	1,000			1,000	3,000
	6,118	3,306		9,424	11,946
Major works					
Dishwasher plumbing CH Hse				-	765
Furley Page Pro advice				-	2,407
Roof repairs Ins Claim	11,434			11,434	
Garden Work St T		1,575		1,575	
Asbestos survey CH Hse		719		719	
Car Park Repairs CH Hse		720		720	
Roof Repairs CH Hse		12,963		12,963	
Caxton's Report St M		2,520		2,520	
	11,434	18,497		29,931	3,172
Total Payments	107,363	44,206		151,569	130,080

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4 Church Lands fund

Total return movements

	Trust for Investment £	Unapplied Total Return £	Total Endowment £
Balance at 26 January 2024			
Gift component of the permanent endowment	500,000		500,000
Unapplied total return			
Investment Fund		227,472	227,472
Deposit Accounts		40,428	40,428
	500,000	267,900	767,900

Movement in the period to 31 December 2024

Addition to fund		1,000	1,000
Investment return: dividends and interest		20,577	20,577
		2,042	2,042
Investment return: unrealised gains		25,395	25,395
	0	49,014	49,014
Unapplied total return allocated to income		-20,000	-20,000
Net movements in the period	0	29,014	29,014

Balances at 31 December 2024

Gift component of the permanent endowment	500,000		500,000
Unapplied total return			
Investment Fund		253,361	253,361
Deposit Accounts		43,553	43,553
	500,000	296,914	796,914

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5 Movements on restricted funds

		Balance 1.1.2024 £	Monies In £	Monies Out £	Transfers £	Balance 31.12.2024 £
Church Lands	Invest A/C				252,867	252,867
	Deposit A/Cs	188	20,577	-20,000		765
					43,282	43,282
		188	20,577	-20,000	296,149	296,914
Emma Simmons		553	30			583
Acol Churchyard (SP)		236	773	-1,000		9
Education Trust		1,810	387	-346		1,851
		2,787	21,767	-21,346	296,149	299,357

Movements on other restricted funds

Junior Church	369	330	-312		387
All Saints	3,118	1,379	-338		4,159
AS Restoration fund	768	1,821		3,037	5,626
Church House	3,805		-1,439		2,366
Quex Chapel	1,087	200			1,287
St Thomas	26,885	2,750	-2,461		27,174
St Mildred's	1,809	200	-819		1,190
Supper Club	-	330	-101	3,999	4,228
Messy Church	210		-35		175
Church Wardens Fund	281				281
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	597	100			697
Toddlers Group	256				256
Music Fund	846		-100		746
Breakfast Time	2,878	2,490	-1,369	-3,999	-
Pastoral Friends	649	1,149	-52		1,746
Friends of Parish	3,049	30	-42	-3,037	-
Churches Together	156	192	-309		39
Sale of vicarage land	33,897	437	-15,483		18851
	80,660	11,408	-22,860	0	69,208
Total movements	83,447	33,175	-44,206	296,149	368,565

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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Details of Restricted Accounts

Church Lands

At a meeting of the PCC on 25 January 2024 it was resolved that as from that date the Investments relating to the Church Lands fund should be held on a total returns investment strategy so that the PCC can enhance their ability to fulfil the objects of the fund over the long term.

The original amount received for the sale of land at Minnis Road in 1966 amounted to £26,537. This represents the major proportion of the Church Lands fund. Using the Bank of England inflation calculator this amount had risen to some £419,000 by January 2024. As there is another smaller equity based investment and a deposit account it was decided on 27 March 2025 that the starting gift component of the permanent endowment should be set at £500,000.

The unapplied total return is to be used for the maintenance of the Parish Church and any residue can be used for repairing and beautifying the churches of Acol and Minnis Bay. Any remaining balance may be used in the furthering of the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish.

Emma Simmons

Its purpose is to benefit the poor/elderly of Acol and grants can be made to individuals.

Acol Churchyard (Sybella Petley)

The capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Interest is paid into our account and can be distributed to the deserving poor in the parish at Christmas.

Education Trust

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Interest is paid into this account for educational purposes in the parish

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

All Saints Fund

These monies are from various legacies and fund raising over the years. A substantial amount was received from 'The Friends of All Saints' in 2009. These funds are to be used for All Saints.

St Mildred's Fund

These funds are to be used for the upkeep of St Mildred's.

St Thomas Funds

These funds have been raised from legacies, gift days and fundraising and are to be used for the upkeep of St Thomas Church and Kearns Hall.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

Details of Restricted Accounts

Details of land owned by the PCC

The PCC own four pieces of land

The land on which the Acol village hall stands. Ground rent is charged at £200 p.a. as per the lease dated 18 March 2013 organised by the Diocese.

The Allotments at St James Terrace, Birchington. Land registry title number K985821

Piece of land off Canterbury Road, Birchington. Land registry title number K983757

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These pieces of land have been looked at by the Diocese and are regarded to have little commercial value at the present time.

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of
The Ecclesiastical Parish
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with
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(Charity Commission Registration Number : 1163660)

Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 December 2024

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Birchington with St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
Other name	Birchington PCC
Registered Charity Number	1163660
Principal address	The Parish Office, Church House, Kent Gardens BIRCHINGTON, Kent CT7 9RS

Trustees who manage the charity

The Reverend Mark Ham	Vicar and Chairman
Loraine Bant	Churchwarden
Michael Little	Churchwarden to May 2024
Paul Seymour	Churchwarden from May 2024
Timothy Attride	Secretary
Sara Gower	Treasurer
David Alker	
Tessa Hinge	died May 2024
Douglas Holmes	
Maureen Hudson	
Neville Hudson	
Michael Little	from May 2024
Timothy Maakestad	
Geoffrey Pegg	
Kathleen Porteous	from May 2024
Janette Porter	
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Bernard Taylor	
Paul Webster	
Gillian Whitehead	from May 2024

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2024

Names and addresses of advisors

Bankers	HSBC Westwood Cross Shopping Centre 26 Margate Road, Broadstairs CT10 2BF
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Investment Managers	CCLA Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
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Independent examiner	Andrew Webster FCA DChA 48 St Martin's Hill, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1PP
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document	Issued by the Church of England and adopted 2 January 1957
How the charity is constituted	A formerly excepted charity as a Church of England Parish
Trustee selection methods	Trustees elected for a three year period by the members of the Church who are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church') are primarily focussed on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge and open to all. In addition the PCC's further activities as listed below also have public benefit

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Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2024

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provision of public worship in the parish church of All Saints Birchington and at the churches of St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
- The provision of sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation
- The provision of pastoral work, including the visiting of the sick and bereaved.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The promotion of the whole mission of the Church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups.
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC aims to follow the advice of the Charity Commission in this respect but at the moment is having concerns in connection with paying the annual Parish Share to the Diocese.

Funds materially in deficit

No fund of the charity is in deficit.

Accounting responsibilities of the trustees

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2024

Approval

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources	2					
Voluntary income:						
Incoming resources from donors		48,325	6,950		55,275	58,778
Other voluntary incoming resources						
Activities for generating funds:		38,820	2,900		41,720	41,450
Receipts from Church Activities		3,382	-		3,382	4,846
Other ordinary income resources:		13,144	222		13,366	37,243
Income from investments:		2,978	23,103	2,041	28,122	27,532
Total Incoming Resources		106,649	33,175	2,041	141,865	169,849
Resources Expended	3					
Costs of generating funds:						
Fund-raising and publicity		1,122	-		1,122	1,479
Charitable activities:						
Grants made		1,365	1,351		2,716	4,314
Direct ministry expenditure		30,224	20,000		50,224	65,619
Church running expenses		31,220	1,052		32,272	27,905
Salaries and support costs		6,856	-		6,856	3,867
Church hall running costs		19,024	-		19,024	11,778
Administration		6,118	3,306		9,424	11,946
Major works		11,434	18,497		29,931	3,172
Total Resources Used		107,363	44,206	-	151,569	130,080
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)						
Resources Before Transfers		-714	-11,031	2,041	-9,704	39,769
Transfers between funds			295,149	-295,149		
Repayment of endowment			1,000		1,000	3,000
Increase in value of investments				18,730	18,730	71,068
Net Movement in Funds		-714	285,118	-274,378	10,026	113,837
Balances at 1 January 2024		3,014	83,447	858,073	944,534	830,697
Balances at 31 December 2024		2,300	368,565	583,695	954,560	944,534

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets						
Investment assets						
CBF Total return fund	4		253,361	500,000	753,361	817,096
Other funds				82,437	82,437	
COIF				1,258	1,258	1,230
		-	253,361	583,695	837,056	818,326
Current Assets						
Cash at bank and in hand						
Cash in hand			-	-	-	5
Current Account		1,551			1,551	1,568
Savings Account			69,208		69,208	80,655
CBF deposits		749	45,996		46,745	43,980
Net Current Assets		2,300	115,204	-	117,504	126,208
Net Assets	£	2,300	368,565	583,695	954,560	944,534
Funds						
Unrestricted						
General Fund		1,551			1,551	1,568
Capital Reserve		749		44,701	45,450	45,147
		2,300	0	44,701	47,001	46,715
Restricted						
Church Lands	4		296,914	500,000	796,914	776,438
Emma Simmons	5		583	1,258	1,841	1,783
Acol Churchyard Fund(SP)	5		9	27,007	27,016	26,639
Education Trust	5		1,851	10,729	12,580	12,299
Other restricted funds	5		69,208		69,208	80,660
			368,565	538,994	907,559	897,819
Total Funds	£	2,300	368,565	583,695	954,560	944,534

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

2025 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as and when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and can identify the amount due.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross

Sales of magazines from the church are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Resources expended

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. During the year ended 31 December 2024 £50,000 was paid against an amount requested of £83,514.

Over the last six years a total of £119,332 has been underpaid to the Diocese against the amounts requested. No provision has been made for this amount in these accounts in accordance with advice received from Diocesan House.

Investments

Stock exchange investments are included at the mid market value on the date of the Balance Sheet. The three areas of land have not been included on the Balance Sheet as they are regarded to be of little or no commercial value.

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2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources from donors					
Planned Giving	26,641			26,641	32,715
Collections	8,008			8,008	6,448
Collections for charities	1,365			1,365	1,937
Income Tax Recovered	7,867			7,867	9,460
Donations & Legacies	4,444	6,950		11,394	8,218
	48,325	6,950		55,275	58,778
Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising activities	5,570	2,900		8,470	6,347
Magazine	828			828	1,077
Church Hall Lettings	32,422			32,422	34,026
	38,820	2,900		41,720	41,450
Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees	3,382			3,382	4,846
Other ordinary income resources					
Insurance claims	11,434			11,434	3,290
Sale of land - Vicarage				-	33,402
Grant from KCC				-	
Sundry income	1,710	222		1,932	551
	13,144	222	-	13,366	37,243
Income from investments					
Interest - Bank savings account		1,336		1,336	1,195
CBF Funds	1,303	21,767	2,041	25,111	23,685
Rent from land	1,675			1,675	2,652
	2,978	23,103	2,041	28,122	27,532
Total Receipts	106,649	33,175	2,041	141,865	169,849

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3 Resources Used

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fund raising and publicity					
Fund raising expenses	330			330	687
Magazines	792			792	792
	1,122	-		1,122	1,479
Grants made					
Charitable giving	1,365	1,351		2,716	4,314
Direct ministry expenditure					
Parish Share	30,000	20,000		50,000	65,000
Clergy working expenses	224			224	619
	30,224	20,000		50,224	65,619
Church running expenses					
Upkeep of services	4,408			4,408	5,160
Gas, Electric & Water	12,833			12,833	7,739
Insurance	9,856			9,856	9,714
Repairs & Maintenance	4,123	1,052		5,175	5,292
	31,220	1,052		32,272	27,905
Salaries and support costs	6,856			6,856	3,867
Church hall running costs	19,024			19,024	11,778
Administration					
Printing & Stationery	3,721			3,721	5,510
Miscellaneous	709	3,306		4,015	2,784
Bank Charges	238			238	252
Independent Examiner	450			450	400
Loan repayment	1,000			1,000	3,000
	6,118	3,306		9,424	11,946
Major works					
Dishwasher plumbing CH Hse				-	765
Furley Page Pro advice				-	2,407
Roof repairs Ins Claim	11,434			11,434	
Garden Work St T		1,575		1,575	
Asbestos survey CH Hse		719		719	
Car Park Repairs CH Hse		720		720	
Roof Repairs CH Hse		12,963		12,963	
Caxton's Report St M		2,520		2,520	
	11,434	18,497		29,931	3,172
Total Payments	107,363	44,206		151,569	130,080

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4 Church Lands fund

Total return movements

	Trust for Investment £	Unapplied Total Return £	Total Endowment £
Balance at 26 January 2024			
Gift component of the permanent endowment	500,000		500,000
Unapplied total return			
Investment Fund		227,472	227,472
Deposit Accounts		40,428	40,428
	500,000	267,900	767,900
Movement in the period to 31 December 2024			
Addition to fund		1,000	1,000
Investment return: dividends and interest		20,577	20,577
		2,042	2,042
Investment return: unrealised gains		25,395	25,395
	0	49,014	49,014
Unapplied total return allocated to income		-20,000	-20,000
Net movements in the period	0	29,014	29,014
Balances at 31 December 2024			
Gift component of the permanent endowment	500,000		500,000
Unapplied total return			
Investment Fund		253,361	253,361
Deposit Accounts		43,553	43,553
	500,000	296,914	796,914

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5 Movements on restricted funds

		Balance 1.1.2024 £	Monies In £	Monies Out £	Transfers £	Balance 31.12.2024 £
Church Lands	Invest A/C				252,867	252,867
	Deposit A/Cs	188	20,577	-20,000		765
					43,282	43,282
		188	20,577	-20,000	296,149	296,914
Emma Simmons		553	30			583
Acol Churchyard (SP)		236	773	-1,000		9
Education Trust		1,810	387	-346		1,851
		2,787	21,767	-21,346	296,149	299,357

Movements on other restricted funds

Junior Church	369	330	-312		387
All Saints	3,118	1,379	-338		4,159
AS Restoration fund	768	1,821		3,037	5,626
Church House	3,805		-1,439		2,366
Quex Chapel	1,087	200			1,287
St Thomas	26,885	2,750	-2,461		27,174
St Mildred's	1,809	200	-819		1,190
Supper Club	-	330	-101	3,999	4,228
Messy Church	210		-35		175
Church Wardens Fund	281				281
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	597	100			697
Toddlers Group	256				256
Music Fund	846		-100		746
Breakfast Time	2,878	2,490	-1,369	-3,999	-
Pastoral Friends	649	1,149	-52		1,746
Friends of Parish	3,049	30	-42	-3,037	-
Churches Together	156	192	-309		39
Sale of vicarage land	33,897	437	-15,483		18851
	80,660	11,408	-22,860	0	69,208
Total movements	83,447	33,175	-44,206	296,149	368,565

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Details of Restricted Accounts

Church Lands

At a meeting of the PCC on 25 January 2024 it was resolved that as from that date the Investments relating to the Church Lands fund should be held on a total returns investment strategy so that the PCC can enhance their ability to fulfil the objects of the fund over the long term.

The original amount received for the sale of land at Minnis Road in 1966 amounted to £26,537. This represents the major proportion of the Church Lands fund. Using the Bank of England inflation calculator this amount had risen to some £419,000 by January 2024. As there is another smaller equity based investment and a deposit account it was decided on 27 March 2025 that the starting gift component of the permanent endowment should be set at £500,000.

The unapplied total return is to be used for the maintenance of the Parish Church and any residue can be used for repairing and beautifying the churches of Acol and Minnis Bay. Any remaining balance may be used in the furthering of the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish.

Emma Simmons

Its purpose is to benefit the poor/elderly of Acol and grants can be made to individuals.

Acol Churchyard (Sybella Petley)

The capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Interest is paid into our account and can be distributed to the deserving poor in the parish at Christmas.

Education Trust

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Interest is paid into this account for educational purposes in the parish

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

All Saints Fund

These monies are from various legacies and fund raising over the years. A substantial amount was received from 'The Friends of All Saints' in 2009. These funds are to be used for All Saints.

St Mildred's Fund

These funds are to be used for the upkeep of St Mildred's.

St Thomas Funds

These funds have been raised from legacies, gift days and fundraising and are to be used for the upkeep of St Thomas Church and Kearns Hall.

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Details of Restricted Accounts

Details of land owned by the PCC

The PCC own four pieces of land

The land on which the Acol village hall stands. Ground rent is charged at £200 p.a. as per the lease dated 18 March 2013 organised by the Diocese.

The Allotments at St James Terrace, Birchington. Land registry title number K985821

Piece of land off Canterbury Road, Birchington. Land registry title number K983757

Piece of land off Canterbury Road, Birchington. Land registry title number K983777

These pieces of land have been looked at by the Diocese and are regarded to have little commercial value at the present time.

Accounts

Priest-in-Charge Report

2022

It is amazing how much work and activity has taken place during 2022 across our church communities, and we were able to move forwards from the Covid-19 pandemic. There are too many thanks to offer, and many are conveyed in the various papers in this APCM pack, but I would like to thank Loraine and Mike, Churchwardens, for all of their hard work keeping the church fabric and church services running and to the Standing Committee for their help. I am also very grateful for all members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for their contributions throughout the year. Many of our meetings have been challenging, and sometimes heated, because the issues that we have had to face – finances, Parish Share and aging buildings – as well as the ever present but exciting area of Mission in the age of declining church congregations – has evoked passions and heart felt feelings. None of us ever get everything right, and that includes me, but in 2022 we were able to expand into new areas further – Breakfast Time, Pastoral Friends and the continuing evolution of the Friends of the Parish of Birchington – and a myriad of other initiatives in our local church communities which has shown something of God to those who we have met and served which ought to offer us hope as we move forwards in times of uncertainty.

Worship

We continued to offer varied types of worship during 2022 from the more traditional Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion service to All Age and Family Worship.

I would like to thank Peter, Sue, David, John, Margaret, Loraine, Mike, Angela and Paul for their support. Margaret became a Reader PTO in October 2022 and celebrated 25 years of Readership and we thanked John Hawkins for his Authorised Lay Ministry in June following his decision to retire. It was a joy to authorise our Pastoral Friends as they were commissioned in the summer. I would like to thank Tim and Chris for playing the organ for us and to the choir. Thanks to Loraine for organising the rotas and to all those people who have read to us from the Bible and offered intercessions. Many thanks to all those who have served tea and coffee and cake after services and displayed hospitality to others. And thank you to the bellringers at All Saints for their uplifting ringing as we are 'called' to worship, and to all the sides people who welcome our congregations into church.

Young people are the church's future and as we strive to develop a children and young people's missional strategy I would like to extend my thanks to Junior Church and to Tessa, Sara, Sue, Deirdre, Abi and Charlotte for all that they bring and offer the children who attend. Because of rota commitments

on Sundays I have only been able to attend once so far and went the Sunday before Mothering Sunday when we spent time together making cards and colouring them. It was an enjoyable experience and the children were fully engaged in the activities of Junior Church.

Mission

Good progress has been made in delivering our Mission Plan, particularly with the new initiatives that I have mentioned above. The Mission Plan and delivery against its objectives will be a recurring agenda item for future PCC meetings.

Friends of the Parish of Birchington

Under the chairmanship of David Sheekey, this group has made gradual progress despite the challenges that we face and has held several events. I would like to extend my thanks to David and all of the members of this sub-committee.

Seamarsh Group

Good and close collaboration between the Seamarsh Group began in 2021 but in 2022, planning work halted. However, the Deanery are keen for this Group to move forward and further work will begin during late 2023.

Finance

The Parish does not have financial resilience and is often vulnerable. The Parish continued to face significant financial pressures in 2022 (see 2022 accounts). It was very pleasing to see that we achieved to pay 90% of our quota for 2022. Many thanks to all for their generosity and support.

2023 and beyond

In April 2021, the PCC began some work on looking at the future shape of the Parish in the context of declining congregations, aging infrastructure and significant financial pressures. Over several years, the Parish has struggled meeting its Parish Share commitments, which was exacerbated by the pandemic, and from 2020 it has accrued significant arrears owed to the Diocese of Canterbury. These arrears coupled with the backlog maintenance and repairs from the Quinquennial Reports, maintaining two church halls and funding day-to-day running costs led to the PCC resolving in March 2023 to close St Mildred and St Thomas Churches and to reorder All Saints Church. Although the PCC approved a resolution for closures, a consultation process will be undertaken before final decisions are made. At the time of writing this Report, discussions are planned with the Diocese to agree a timetable and to confirm the detail of the consultation process.

Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge. 17th May 2023

Churchwardens' Report

2022 was a busy year as we pushed forward in trying to get quotes for the quinquennial repairs. This has been extremely difficult as the companies we have approached have too much work on and because prices are soaring for materials, they were not prepared to provide quotes that were fixed for longer than a month in some cases.

This large number of repairs and huge costs are due to no quinquennial repairs undertaken from the last three inspections over the last fifteen years.

Of course, there has been other works needed on our five buildings during 2022. At St Thomas Church – the lead on the flat roof had been forced which has now been resealed, an asbestos inspection was carried out, and fortunately, only found in one small area of the church; a piece of ceiling panelling needed refixing and attention was given to the front door so that it would shut and lock.

Kearns Hall has been identified as requiring redecoration and new flooring. Community Payback have said that they will do this decoration and weeding of the gardens. The lock on the front door has been repaired, a new tap has replaced a faulty one in the kitchen and a window surround in the accessibility toilet made sound. The Scripture Union Mission team took over the hall during the first two weeks of the schools' summer holiday.

St Mildred's church had a stained glass window replaced under our insurance policy after a fencing panel broke the glass and fitting. We only had to pay the excess on this claim.

All Saints Church had some lead resealed on the roof, as someone had lifted it, over the steps up to the bell tower, a stone was noticed to have slipped in the arch of the south door which has since been fixed.

The churchyard has been opened up over 2022 by the gardening volunteers and the group who have taken on the care for the war graves and along with TDC care and spring cutback looks very tidy and attractive. The drainage system around All Saints Church was cleared of the leaves, mud and rubbish by community payback.

The PCC agreed to allow Auger Stone markers to be placed on the interment plots in the Garden of Remembrance. Roberts of Ramsgate will be our provider of these markers and will undertake the placement of the stones.

We put in faculties for the church yard railings to be rubbed down and repainted (by Community Payback), retrospectively for the bird boxes that were placed in trees in Rev Witts' time with us (agreed by the Diocese) The Nave Altar (awaiting a final response), and the refurbishment of the notice boards (two have already been completed and the others due now). The organ was augmented following donations from Kath Porteus and Tim Attride in memory of Chris Porteus and Tim's parents and a service of dedication was held.

Church House walls have dried out after the water got in from the flat roofs which have now been replaced, although there are leaks, letting in rain, that come in through the pointing with wear dependant on the direction of the wind. A second-hand fridge freezer was donated to us to store the Breakfast Time food in which is kept in the Committee Room.

Across the Parish in January 2022, we arranged for the portable electrical equipment to be PAT tested, the ovens were cleaned professionally and our heating systems in All Saints, Church House, St Thomas Church and Kearns Hall were inspected by CS Heating as part of our maintenance policy with them. We had one call out to Kearns Hall and one to Church House during the year.

I know that this report covers 2022 but it would be remiss of us if we do not thank some people for some of the work that they have done in the parish this year as well as last year – Tim and his team (Mike Little and David Sheekey) who have replaced the lights with LED ones in All Saints. The change has transformed the lighting of the building. Tim has also put up two additional security lights outside Church House, improved the lighting and emergency lighting in Church House, sorted out the lighting issues in Kearns Hall and is about to do likewise in St Thomas Church.

Mick and his team for the porch and walls on the outside of CH and for decorating the Committee Room (Bob Dean, Terry Porter and Marion) – next stop the office. And at St Thomas where Eddie did so much work last year to keep the outside of the church looking smart with painting and planting pots. Paul Seymour has got a list of repairs that he is going to carry out during the Spring at St Mildreds.

Lorraine Bant and Mike Little

Churchwardens

Safeguarding Report

During 2022 four safeguarding issues were reported to the PSO. Four of these were kept under review by the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Priest-in-Charge and one was reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO). This safeguarding issue, in the opinion of the DSO required no further action.

Lorraine Bant

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Birchington CEP School and Church Links.

Our village Church Primary School continues to flourish as do the links that we as a church have with the school. At the end of the school year Foundation Governor, Chris Hedges, retired as a Governor. He had been a Vice Chair of Governors for a number of years and the link Governor for Mathematics, Art and Music. The PCC thanked him for his long service as a Foundation Governor. We were quick to find a replacement in Tina Seymour, but processing her application took time and she did not attend a meeting until 2023. Rev Mark is our ex officio Governor, as Priest-in-Charge and Loraine Bant is another Foundation Governor.

Our links have strengthened and developed since Rev Mark has been with us. In 2022, there was a weekly prayer group for staff and one started for the pupils too. Collective Worship was led weekly (with differing year groups) by the Foundation Governors using the school's Christian values as the theme. Loraine led a weekly Messy Church Club, each term having a different year group.

Breakfast Time has gone from strength to strength, and we often fed over forty people at our weekday sessions. We are very lucky that the Birchington Evening WI support this – and two members run Tuesday mornings. In October we started a 'Hotspot' for families from the school – the school obtained a grant from the Chrispe Charity - which paid for games and refreshments for five months. This allowed families to come on route home for a warm supper, tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival and a safe place for families to play together or the children to play together whilst the adults socialised. Members of staff supported this venture and Loraine and Mark cooked the supper. We also welcomed members of the community to support the activity. We regularly fed thirty five people.

The Intergenerational Club based at St Thomas' Church also has been successful – a small group of our congregations meet with a small group of children alternate weeks during term time and the session is always filled with chattering and laughter as an activity is completed. We thank people from the church, local community and WI who have supported our events.

The school have decorated our church at Pentecost and Harvest with their artwork, poems and prayers. Lucy Green, the music lead at the school has brought the choir to sing at a 10.30am All Age Worship service and at Christmas organised a recording of the choir singing Silent Night for our Facebook page which the congregations voted as their favourite from the nominated carols suggested by Lucy.

Rev. Mark and Loraine have judged a number of competitions including one for the best the Easter Garden and Easter Bonnet.

Rev. Mark has supported staff occasionally during times of personal great anxiety over the year.

The school is well on its way for their next SIAMS inspection – the criteria has changed dramatically since the last inspection and the three Foundation Governors are going to be well briefed before that occurs.

The Foundation Governors

All Saint's Committee

Although the pandemic still had an impact in 2022, the All Saints committee was able to meet three times (April, August and November). There was a frank discussion at the April meeting on the role and remit of this committee, following which it was agreed unanimously that it served a useful role as a mechanism for that church and its parishioners to raise issues, concerns and suggestions with Mark and the PCC

I would like to acknowledge the good work by the churchwardens in looking after the fabric of both All Saints and Church House. The current system works effectively with minor repairs and improvements being actioned with approval from them or the PCC as appropriate. Full details of these are contained in the committee reports but I'd particularly like to flag the excellent work by Tim Attride and Mike Little in replacing the lights in the church, the tidying up of the church vestry, and the painting and repairs done in Church House by Mick Ransley, Bob Dean and Terry Porter with help from others. The appropriate use of Community Payback is also acknowledged, not least in clearing the car park drains. The area around church house has been kept tidy with regular 'working parties arranged'

The committee kept All Saints open on Saturday mornings in 2022 from 1000 to 1200 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteer team. Although visitor numbers are generally small, it provides a welcome opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer as well as making the church accessible to those interested in our architectural heritage

The committee continued to organise social events during the year. Quizzes were run by Doug in July and Michael in November, both of which were well attended and brought opportunities for outreach and fellowship as well as raising much-needed funds.

The balances of the accounts associated with All Saints as at 31.12.22 are as follows:

All Saints account	£1902.56
Church House fund	£4113.56
All Saints Restoration Fund	£767.84
Quex Fund	£887.30

Full details of all expenditures and income to these funds are contained in the 2022 parish accounts

Dave Alker (10.05.23)

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Men's Supper Club

Men's Supper Club meetings were held in 2022 but again were affected by the pandemic, particularly at the start of the year. Three meetings were held in Church House – Fish & Chip suppers in January, May and November – as well as the now traditional BBQ at the Quex Bell Tower in July. Membership at 1st January 2022 was 28 with funds of £38.00 carried over from the previous year

Membership of Men's Supper Club declined gradually through 2022 with members increasingly unable or unwilling to cater. At year end membership was only 20 and it was decided to disband the group. The closing balance of £77.00 was transferred to parish funds on 23rd November 2022. It is hoped that a men's fellowship BBQ will be held at the Quex Bell Tower in July 2023 to continue that tradition

18.04.23

Dave Alker

St Thomas & Kearns Hall Report

- Spurgeons held a reunion in Kearns Hall on 18th June
- On St Thomas Day, 3rd July, a service of Songs of Praise was followed by Tea
- Scripture Union held their annual mission in Kearns Hall from 21st July to 6th August
- A Commemoration Service for HRH Queen Elizabeth II was held on 11th September
- Margaret Hawkins celebrated 25 years as a Reader on 23rd October.
- A service of Evensong was held on 29th October to mark the 90th anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone of St Thomas Church by the Brothers of Birchington Masonic Lodge. Members of the congregation were joined by a party from the Lodge.
- Sarah-Jane & Andrew were married in St Thomas on 3rd December and held their reception in Kearns Hall
- The Nativity Scene was erected on the front lawn with the help of members of the Isle of Thanet Sunrise Rotary Club.
- The Christmas Tree Festival from 10th – 17th December was a great success bringing in a large number of participants from the local community.
- The Joint Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Thanet held the annual Carol Service on 16th December. Well over 100 people from the local community attended the service which was followed by refreshments.
- The St Thomas Church Carol Service was held on 18th December
- The late Chris Emmorey bequeathed a set of Russian Icons to St Thomas Church in her will. A decision is pending concerning the sale or display of the icons.
- After many years of dedicated service, Pam Boulton stood down from the St Thomas Committee, which expressed their huge gratitude for her hard work.
- Jan White presented a set of beautifully embroidered Purifiers to St Thomas.
- After many years of dedicated service, Jenny Fuller will shortly be moving to Faversham and will then stand down from the St Thomas Committee. Her huge contribution to the life of St Thomas Church will be greatly missed.

Chris Hedges, Assistant Churchwarden – Report submitted 15th April 2023.

St Mildred's Report

The St Mildred's Committee met again on 2nd August 2022 and has now met several times. It has discussed matters regarding the church fabric, including heating, church services, fundraising and the cleaning and upkeep of the church.

I would like to thank all those on the Committee for their commitment.

Paul Seymour

Junior Church

Junior Church returned to in-person meetings in 2022. It was good to see the children back and our numbers rose to 15 on the books with some new members. They generally didn't all come on the same day but we had a good turn out on a regular basis.

We continued using the 'Roots' books to follow the same lectionary as the church.

The children loved the Pantomime outing at the beginning of the year, performed by the Birchington Guild of Players as usual.

Christmas was a great with the children taking an active part in the Churches together Advent service at the Village Centre. They also helped making the Christingles on Christmas Eve

Unfortunately, Tessa was unable to attend as much as she would like but still kept a close eye on our activities. The children ask after her on a regular basis.

Thank you to Sue for her help and support every week. Also, thank you to Charlotte, Abi and Deirdre for stepping in when needed.

Sara Gower

Pastoral Friends

The initial training for the Pastoral Friends has now been completed and Rev. Mark commissioned them at the Pentecost Service at St Thomas Church. We meet regularly for updates on what each member is involved with, and we have identified further training for the group, particularly in the areas of dementia and loneliness.

A group from the Pastoral Friends organise the twice monthly drop in coffee mornings in Church House – held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The Pastoral Friend lunches have also been well received and at our final lunch in the year – December 2022 - we enjoyed a Christmas meal together, Santa Claus visited with presents for all and Chris Hedges entertained the diners with some singalong carols and well known Christmas songs.

A small donation can be given at either the coffee mornings or lunches which means that the Pastoral Friends can provide lunches and cakes and biscuits from the donations made.

It is good to see that from these events Kath Porteus and Wendy Warner have formed a games afternoon with some of the people who attend the coffee mornings and lunches.

Some of the Pastoral Friends provide lifts to events and church, act as “church buddies” or are visiting members of our church community in their homes with some providing Home Communion.

It is planned to establish a prayer “What’s App” facility.

The Pastoral Friends

Communications

During 2022 a weekly newsletter was introduced with service type, church and times, Bible readings and the Collects for the next seven days. A prayer list was also included as well as information about forthcoming baptisms, marriages and funerals. Forthcoming events for the diary, and other information about the Parish are also regular features. The newsletter is available in paper form every Sunday at church services and is posted on Facebook, the Parish Website and is displayed in our church noticeboards.

Our Facebook page is still operative and is used to post information and messages of encouragement.

The noticeboards that were outside the churchyard walls were renovated and updated at All Saints and the other boards within or attached to the church walls as well as the board at St Thomas were temporarily fixed to block out information that was out of date.

In response to the publication of PCC minutes, the PCC agreed that within ten days of a PCC meeting draft minutes would be sent to the PCC members, and a summary of those minutes posted in a file in all three of our churches for the congregations to read. Signed copies of the PCC meeting would be posted after the meeting at which the minutes are signed and again placed in the files at the back of the churches.

The Priest-in-Charge and the Churchwardens have committed to meeting regularly with representatives from the Epple Hill Allotments (every two months) and also with the volunteer co-ordinator of the group who are tending some of the graves in All Saints Churchyard and its flower beds.

Articles are placed in the Parish magazine to communicate work that is ongoing in the Parish by the Priest-in-Charge or other individuals. Thank you to Tessa and Bob Hinge for their unstinting work in editing and producing the Parish Magazine.

The Parish Website is ongoing and many thanks to Chris Hedges for its upkeep.

The Priest-in-Charge is available most of the drop in coffee mornings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Church House and his contact details are on the notice boards, on the newsletter and in the Parish magazine along with other key members of the PCC.

Communications is more of an art than a science and we do not always get it right. Please let me know how communications can be improved if you have any views or ideas.

Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge. 18th May 2023.

Friends of the Parish of Birchington

2022 finally allowed events to go ahead without the threat of cancellation because of Covid restrictions. Events during the year for the Friends of the Parish of Birchington included a Friends' breakfast in March, a guided tour of the Churchyard given by Tim Maakestad in April, an Organ Concert given by Tim Attride in May. There was a Friends' Barbecue given in the Vicarage garden in July. In September, Peter Russell gave an illustrated history of the church of All Saints. We finished the year with a much enjoyed informal singalong of Christmas music, timed to coincide with the lighting of the Christmas Tree in the Square. The FoPB has accrued £1,800 from its fundraising activities in 2022.

Organisation of Friends' events relies on the efforts of a small committee. To be more successful, the committee would very much welcome active participants who believe that they can broaden the range and scale of events and be involved in helping making these possible.

Going forward, it is the intention to gain charitable status for the Friends making them an independent organisation.

David Sheekey, Chair.

Choir, Organ and Bellringing Report

Choir and Organ

As reported last year, we have suffered with numbers since returning after the pandemic. However, we are maintaining music during the Communion almost every week and sang again at the ecumenical Good Friday service. With some augmentation, we had a very well-received Lessons & Carols service, so hopefully we can continue this tradition – especially with the candles lighting the church.

The augmentation work on the organ seems to have been very successful and has certainly made the organ more flexible for both hymn accompaniment and for incidental music / voluntaries etc. Last year's recitals were very well received and I can confirm that Alessandro is returning later this year for another performance. There is one very minor issue outstanding (a temperature sensor to allow the digital stops to tune automatically), but this is in hand.

I remain very grateful to Chris Hedges for his work at St Thomas and am enjoying my monthly visits to play at St Mildred's since Lynda retired.

Bell-ringing

Since last April, we have continued to ring almost every week for the morning service – even when this took place in St Thomas. We have again tried to involve the village, ringing for many birthdays and anniversaries – even naming some new methods after local residents – as well as for some particularly significant events, both sad and happy. We rang and named “Seventy Glorious Years” and “The Longest Reign” for the late Queen Elizabeth and, more recently, “Vivat Rex Carolus” for the coronation of King Charles III. We have now named over 100 methods never rung before. For the tenth time in twelve years, Birchington was the leading tower for Quarter Peals.

Treasurer's Report – 2022 Approved Accounts, Sybella Petley Fund and Parish Fundraising.

Our balance sheet is looking less healthy in 2022 with our endowment investments value reducing by just over £100,000. However, there was an increase in 2021 of just over £100,000. Consequently we are back to the end of 2020 in our value!

This year's Charity Commission loan repayment of £3,000 was paid. The balance of the loan account stands at £35,606. The balance needs to get £52,000 to be cleared by 2030.

We received a grant of £4,000 from Kent County Council via Councillor Linda Wright for work on the roof at Church House and we have written to her expressing our gratitude. This funding was used for further work needed on the roof.

I am pleased to report that the Parish was able to pay £68,000 of our Parish Share this year. We used £48,000 from general funds and £20,000 from the Church Lands interest funds to cover this commitment. There was a shortfall of £7,476 for this year. There are further arrears of £63,329 from previous years.

The St Mildred's Fund is showing a minus at the end of the year; this is due to an insurance claim for work on one of the church windows; we were reimbursed by our insurance company at the beginning of 2023.

Monies from the Sybella Petley Fund (Acol Churchyard – used for the poor of the Parish) were allocated to the Foodbank, Birchington CEP School and King Ethelbert's School.

The insurance figure has increased greatly as we changed to a monthly direct debit in 2020 to assist in our financial planning. It has returned to our usual figure of approximately £9,000.

Planned Giving reduced with some of our Parishioners no longer being with us; however, collections have increased now that churches have reopened after the Covid-19 pandemic.

The rent received this year is less than last year due to invoices being sent out later than normal.

Also, the magazine did not cover its costs due to invoices for magazine adverts going out in January 2023 instead of December as usual. Both will look better in 2023.

Church hall running costs have increased with both halls returning to full use.

Fundraising this year included the 100 Club, recycling, quiz evenings, craft fair, book sale, cream teas, BBQ at The Vicarage, Ride and Stride, Table Top sales and organ recitals to name just a few.

2023 will be a challenging time but we must put our trust in God to help us through.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances from giving up their time and their monies.

Sara Gower

Treasurer

PCC Report

The PCC met on four occasions between January 2022 and December 2022. It was planned to hold five meetings during the year but the one scheduled for September 2022 was cancelled because the Priest-in-Charge was suffering from Covid.

Attendances were as follows throughout 2022:

12th January: 22

23rd March: 15

29th June: 18

23rd November: 18

Each meeting included the Priest-in-Charge, Churchwardens' and Treasurer's Reports, individual church reports as well as Safeguarding, Birchington Primary School, Deanery and Diocesan Synod Reports.

The main topics also covered in those meetings were:

Finance/parish share/the future shape of the Parish/churchyard matters/allotments/Breakfast Time/endowments/organ augmentation/Anna Chaplaincy/fundraising/ Authorised Lay Ministry/Code of conduct/Quinquennial Reports/communications and reporting PCC decisions to our church communities/local church committees and their terms of reference and the Parish Giving Scheme.

Tim Attride

PCC Secretary

Deanery Synod Report

The following Synods were held in 2022 which considered the following:

24th March: Discussion led by the Archdeacon of Maidstone on “Living Generously” followed by group work.

23rd June: Rural Chaplaincy.

29th September: Diocesan Roadshow on its strategy and financial position.

Rev Mark Ham and Loraine Bant

Diocesan Synod Report

The following Synods were held in 2022 which considered the following:

12th March: Communities and partnerships; missional learning communities; finances; reports from General Synod and generosity.

13th July: Zoom meeting on financial planning and Parish Share for 2023.

19th November: Lambeth Conference reflections; the environment and Eco church; safeguarding and the legal responsibilities of the PCC and cost of living issues.

Rev Mark Ham and Loraine Bant

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICERS REPORT.

A.P.C.M. SUNDAY, 28th May, 2023

The total number of parishioners recorded on the Electoral Roll as of last year's APCM on 15th May, 2022 was **166**.

Since then **3** names have been removed due to death. However, **7** names have been added. This gives a total of **170** parishioners recorded on the Electoral Roll as of today's A.P.C.M.,

Geoff Pegg.

Electoral Roll Officer.

**The Parochial Church Council
of
The Ecclesiastical Parish
of
All Saints Birchington
with
St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Ba**

(Charity Commission Registration Number : 1163660)

Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 December 2022

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Year ended 31 December 2022

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2022

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Birchington with St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis B
Other name	Birchington PCC
Registered Charity Number	1163660
Principal address	The Parish Office, Church House, Kent Gardens BIRCHINGTON, Kent CT7 9RS

Trustees who manage the charity

The Reverend Mark Ham	Vicar and Chairman
Loraine Bant	Churchwarden
Michael Little	Churchwarden
Sara Gower	Treasurer
David Alker	
Edwin Doody	to 15 May 2022
Lily Doody	to 15 May 2022
Margaret Hawkins	to 23 Nov 2022
Christopher Hedges	
Hazel Hedges	
Tessa Hinge	
Douglas Holmes	
Maureen Hudson	from 15 May 2022
Neville Hudson	
Maria Longdon	
Michael Longdon	
Timothy Maakestad	
Geoffrey Pegg	
Janette Porter	from 15 May 2022
Kathleen Porteous	to 15 May 2022
Michael Ransley	
Paul Seymour	
Bernard Taylor	from 15 May 2022
Barry Smith	
Janet White	to 15 May 2022

Secretary

Timothy Attride

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2022

Names and addresses of advisors

Bankers

HSBC
Westwood Cross Shopping Centre
26 Margate Road,
Broadstairs CT10 2BF

Investment Managers

CCLA
Senator House
85 Queen Victoria Street,
London EC4V 4ET

Independent examiner

Andrew Webster FCA DChA
48 St Martin's Hill,
Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1PP

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document	Issued by the Church of England and adopted
How the charity is constituted	A formerly excepted charity as a Church of England
Trustee selection methods	Trustees elected for a three year period by the Church who are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church') are primarily focussed on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge and in addition the PCC's further activities as listed below also have public benefit.

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2022

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provision of public worship in the parish church of All Saints Birchington and churches of St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
- The provision of sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation
- The provision of pastoral work, including the visiting of the sick and bereave
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The promotion of the whole mission of the Church through the provision of a senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups.
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC aims to follow the advice of the Charity Commission in this respect but at the moment is having concerns in connection with paying the annual Parish Share to the Diocese.

Funds materially in deficit

No fund of the charity is in deficit.

Accounting responsibilities of the trustees

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts the trustees

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures from those standards explained in the accounts
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2022

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Birchington

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2011. The report is set out on pages 7 to 13

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. It has not been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters which I might state to them in a Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under the Charities Act 2011 and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable requirements given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that the accounts are in material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' of the state of affairs of a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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 view of the accounts to be reached.

A G Webster FCA, DChA, FRSA
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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Incoming Resources	2			
Voluntary income:				
Incoming resources from donors		60,482	9,327	
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Activities for generating funds:		36,272	2,466	
Receipts from Church Activities		1,662	-	
Other ordinary income resources:		502	5,117	
Income from investments:		1,622	21,246	453
Total Incoming Resources		100,540	38,156	453
Resources Expended	3			
Costs of generating funds:				
Fund-raising and publicity		829	625	
Charitable activities:				
Grants made		4,372	4,285	
Direct ministry expenditure		48,180	20,000	
Church running expenses		25,033	2,002	
Salaries and support costs		3,758	-	
Church hall running costs		9,538	-	
Administration		8,656	2,625	
Major works		-	12,854	
Total Resources Used		100,366	42,391	
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)				
Resources Before Transfers		174	(4,235)	453
Repayment of endowment				3,000
Decrease in value of investments				(100,493)
Net Movement in Funds		174	(4,235)	(97,040)
Balances at 1 January 2022		1,967	49,927	879,904
Balances at 31 December 2022		2,141	45,692	782,864

Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
69,809	66,566
38,738	19,283
1,662	3,981
5,619	861
23,321	22,469
<u>139,149</u>	<u>113,160</u>
1,454	896
8,657	5,653
68,180	65,000
27,035	14,755
3,758	3,260
9,538	6,036
11,281	7,867
12,854	17,216
<u>142,757</u>	<u>120,683</u>
(3,608)	(7,523)
3,000	3,000
<u>(100,493)</u>	<u>106,096</u>
(101,101)	101,573
931,798	830,225
<u>830,697</u>	<u>931,798</u>

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Fixed Assets				
Investment assets				
CBF				746,131
COIF				1,127
		-	-	<u>747,258</u>
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Cash in hand			66	
Current Account		1,911		
Savings Account			40,790	
CBF deposits		230	4,836	35,606
Net Current Assets		<u>2,141</u>	<u>45,692</u>	<u>35,606</u>
Net Assets		<u>£ 2,141</u>	<u>45,692</u>	<u>782,864</u>
Funds				
unrestricted				
General Fund		1,911		
Capital Reserve		230		39,243
		<u>2,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,243</u>
Restricted				
Church Lands	4		1,000	708,775
Emma Simmons			536	1,127
Acol Churchyard Fund(SP)			1,459	24,132
Education Trust			1,841	9,587
Other restricted funds			40,856	
			<u>45,692</u>	<u>743,621</u>
Total Funds		<u>£ 2,141</u>	<u>45,692</u>	<u>782,864</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2023 and signed on its behalf

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
746,131	846,476
1,127	1,275
<u>747,258</u>	<u>847,751</u>

66	201
1,911	1,935
40,790	41,768
40,672	40,143
<u>83,439</u>	<u>84,047</u>
<u>830,697</u>	<u>931,798</u>

1,911	1,935
39,473	45,304
<u>41,384</u>	<u>47,239</u>

709,775	796,082
1,663	1,787
25,591	32,037
11,428	12,684
40,856	41,969
<u>789,313</u>	<u>884,559</u>
<u>830,697</u>	<u>931,798</u>

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the tax is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as and when the PCC is notified of entitlement and can identify the amount due.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

Sales of magazines from the church are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Resources expended

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. During the year ended 31 December 2022 £68,000 was paid against an amount requested of £70,805. Over the last four years a total of £70,805 has been underpaid to the Diocese against the amounts requested. No provision has been made for this amount in these accounts in accordance with advice received from Diocesan House.

Investments

Stock exchange investments are included at the mid market value on the date of the Balance Sheet. The three areas of land have not been included on the Balance Sheet as they are regarded to be of little or no commercial value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Incoming Resources from Donors			
Planned Giving	32,841		
Collections	8,011		
Collections for charities	4,372		
Income Tax Recovered	10,935		
Donations & Legacies	4,323	9,327	
	60,482	9,327	
Activities for Generating Funds			
Fundraising activities	4,292	2,466	
Magazine	777		
Church Hall Lettings	31,203		
	36,272	2,466	
Receipts from Church Activities			
Fees	1,662		
Miscellaneous			
Insurance claims	-		
Furlough payments received			
Grant from KCC		4,000	
Sundry income	502	1,117	
	502	5,117	
Investment Income			
Interest - Bank savings account		84	
CBF Funds	1,198	21,162	453
Rent from land	424		
	1,622	21,246	453
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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2022

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Birchington with St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis B
Other name	Birchington PCC
Registered Charity Number	1163660
Principal address	The Parish Office, Church House, Kent Gardens BIRCHINGTON, Kent CT7 9RS

Trustees who manage the charity

The Reverend Mark Ham	Vicar and Chairman
Loraine Bant	Churchwarden
Michael Little	Churchwarden
Sara Gower	Treasurer
David Alker	
Edwin Doody	to 15 May 2022
Lily Doody	to 15 May 2022
Margaret Hawkins	to 23 Nov 2022
Christopher Hedges	
Hazel Hedges	
Tessa Hinge	
Douglas Holmes	
Maureen Hudson	from 15 May 2022
Neville Hudson	
Maria Longdon	
Michael Longdon	
Timothy Maakestad	
Geoffrey Pegg	
Janette Porter	from 15 May 2022
Kathleen Porteous	to 15 May 2022
Michael Ransley	
Paul Seymour	
Bernard Taylor	from 15 May 2022
Barry Smith	
Janet White	to 15 May 2022

Secretary

Timothy Attride

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2022

Names and addresses of advisors

Bankers

HSBC
Westwood Cross Shopping Centre
26 Margate Road,
Broadstairs CT10 2BF

Investment Managers

CCLA
Senator House
85 Queen Victoria Street,
London EC4V 4ET

Independent examiner

Andrew Webster FCA DChA
48 St Martin's Hill,
Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1PP

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document	Issued by the Church of England and adopted
How the charity is constituted	A formerly excepted charity as a Church of England
Trustee selection methods	Trustees elected for a three year period by the Church who are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church') are primarily focussed on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge and in addition the PCC's further activities as listed below also have public benefit.

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2022

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provision of public worship in the parish church of All Saints Birchington and churches of St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
- The provision of sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation
- The provision of pastoral work, including the visiting of the sick and bereave
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The promotion of the whole mission of the Church through the provision of a senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups.
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC aims to follow the advice of the Charity Commission in this respect but at the moment is having concerns in connection with paying the annual Parish Share to the Diocese.

Funds materially in deficit

No fund of the charity is in deficit.

Accounting responsibilities of the trustees

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts the trustees

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures from those standards explained in the accounts
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2022

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

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Treasurer's Report - year ended 31 December 2022

Our balance sheet is looking less healthy this year with our endowment investments value reducing by just over £100,000. However, there was an increase in 2021 of just over £100,000. Consequently we are back to the end of 2020 in our value!

This year's Charity Commission loan repayment of £3,000 was paid. The balance of the loan account stands at £35,606. The balance needs to get to £52,000 to be cleared by 2030.

We received a grant of £4,000 from Kent County Council, via Councillor Wright, for work on the roof at Church House. This was used for further work needed on the roof.

I am pleased to report that we were able to pay £68,000 of our Parish Share this year. We used £48,000 from general funds and £20,000 from the Church Lands interest funds to cover the monies. There was a shortfall of £7,476 for this year. There is a further arrears of £63,329 from previous years.

The St Mildred's monies are showing a minus at the end of the year. This is due to an insurance claim for work on the window - we were reimbursed by our insurance company at the beginning of 2023.

Monies from the Sybella Petley fund (Acol Churchyard) were given out again to the Food Bank, Birchington Church of England Primary School and King Ethelbert's School for the poor of the parish.

The insurance figure has gone up greatly this year as we changed to a monthly direct debit in 2020, to help with our financial planning. It has returned to our usual figure of approximately £9,000.

Planned giving reduced with some of our Parishioners no longer being with us. However, collections have increased now that churches have reopened after the Covid pandemic.

The rent received this year is less than last year due to invoices being sent out later than normal. Also, the magazine looked as though it did not cover itself - this is also due to magazine advertising invoices going out in January 2023 instead of December as usual. They will both look better in 2023.

Church hall running costs have increased with both halls returning to full use.

Fundraising this year included the 100 club, recycling, quiz evenings, craft fair, book sale, car teas, BBQ at the vicarage, Ride and Stride, table top sales and organ recitals to name just a few.

Looking ahead to 2023 will continue to be a challenging time for us all but we must put our trust in God to help us through.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances from their giving of time and their monies.

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Birchington

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2011. This report is set out on pages 7 to 13

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. It has not been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters which I might state to them in a Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable requirements given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that the accounts are in material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' of the state of affairs of a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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 view of the accounts to be reached.

A G Webster FCA, DChA, FRSA
48 St Martin's Hill
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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Incoming Resources	2			
Voluntary income:				
Incoming resources from donors		60,482	9,327	
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Activities for generating funds:		36,272	2,466	
Receipts from Church Activities		1,662	-	
Other ordinary income resources:		502	5,117	
Income from investments:		1,622	21,246	453
Total Incoming Resources		100,540	38,156	453
Resources Expended	3			
Costs of generating funds:				
Fund-raising and publicity		829	625	
Charitable activities:				
Grants made		4,372	4,285	
Direct ministry expenditure		48,180	20,000	
Church running expenses		25,033	2,002	
Salaries and support costs		3,758	-	
Church hall running costs		9,538	-	
Administration		8,656	2,625	
Major works		-	12,854	
Total Resources Used		100,366	42,391	
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)				
Resources Before Transfers		174	(4,235)	453
Repayment of endowment				3,000
Decrease in value of investments				(100,493)
Net Movement in Funds		174	(4,235)	(97,040)
Balances at 1 January 2022		1,967	49,927	879,904
Balances at 31 December 2022		2,141	45,692	782,864

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Fixed Assets				
Investment assets				
CBF				746,131
COIF				1,127
		-	-	747,258
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Cash in hand			66	
Current Account		1,911		
Savings Account			40,790	
CBF deposits		230	4,836	35,606
Net Current Assets		2,141	45,692	35,606
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Funds				
unrestricted				
General Fund		1,911		
Capital Reserve		230		39,243
		2,141	-	39,243
Restricted				
Church Lands	4		1,000	708,775
Emma Simmons			536	1,127
Acol Churchyard Fund(SP)			1,459	24,132
Education Trust			1,841	9,587
Other restricted funds			40,856	
			45,692	743,621
Total Funds		£ 2,141	45,692	782,864

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2023 and signed on its behalf

The Reverend Mark P Ham
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1,911	1,935
39,473	45,304
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1,663	1,787
25,591	32,037
11,428	12,684
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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the tax is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as and when the PCC is notified of entitlement and can identify the amount due.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

Sales of magazines from the church are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Resources expended

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. During the year ended 31 December 2022 £68,000 was paid against an amount requested of £70,805. Over the last four years a total of £70,805 has been underpaid to the Diocese against the amounts requested. No provision has been made for this amount in these accounts in accordance with advice received from Diocesan House.

Investments

Stock exchange investments are included at the mid market value on the date of the Balance Sheet. The three areas of land have not been included on the Balance Sheet as they are regarded to be of little or no commercial value.

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Incoming Resources from Donors			
Planned Giving	32,841		
Collections	8,011		
Collections for charities	4,372		
Income Tax Recovered	10,935		
Donations & Legacies	4,323	9,327	
	60,482	9,327	
Activities for Generating Funds			
Fundraising activities	4,292	2,466	
Magazine	777		
Church Hall Lettings	31,203		
	36,272	2,466	
Receipts from Church Activities			
Fees	1,662		
Miscellaneous			
Insurance claims	-		
Furlough payments received			
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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

Details of Restricted Accounts

Church Lands

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Income is paid into our account. This income is to be used for the maintenance of the PCC and any residue can be used for repairing and beautifying the churches of Acol and Birchington. Any remaining balance may be used in the furthering of the religious and charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish.

Emma Simmons

Its purpose is to benefit the poor/elderly of Acol and grants can be made to individuals in need.

Acol Churchyard (Sybella Petley)

The capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Income is paid into our account and can be distributed to the deserving poor in the parish at Christmas.

Education Trust

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Income is paid into this account for educational purposes in the parish.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

All Saints Fund

These monies are from various legacies and fund raising over the years. A subsistence fund was received from 'The Friends of All Saints' in 2009. These funds are to be used for the upkeep of the church.

St Mildred's Fund

These funds are to be used for the upkeep of St Mildred's.

St Thomas Funds

These funds have been raised from legacies, gift days and fundraising and are used for the upkeep of St Thomas Church and Kearns Hall.

Details of land owned by the PCC

The PCC own four pieces of land

The land on which the Acol village hall stands. Ground rent is charged at £200 per annum on the lease dated 18 March 2013 organised by the Diocese.

The Allotments at St James Terrace, Birchington. Land registry title number K980145678
Piece of land off Canterbury Road, Birchington. Land registry title number K980145678
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These pieces of land have been looked at by the Diocese and are regarded to have no commercial value at the present time.

*Diocese have put in planning application - on this piece of land

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The Parish of All Saints, Birchington, Annual Report 2021

Priest-in-Charge Report

Introduction

Coronavirus caused so much difficulty in 2021 which made it such a challenging time for all of us in the Parish, although we were able to open up from Mothering Sunday 2021. We had difficulties meeting in person as a Parochial Church Council (PCC) initially but we met in person again from April 2021. The Standing Committee did meet and I would like to thank Loraine, Mike Little, Mike Longdon and Sara for their commitment and dedication during 2021. I would like to extend my thanks to PCC Members too.

We have all responded differently to Covid-19. Many people became very frustrated because of the restrictions which we had to comply with, and other people went with the 'flow' waiting for it to pass, but despite how we felt the church was still able to offer worship services and operated within the 'new, normal as best as it could.

Worship

We continued to offer worship during 2021 and offered live, streamed and recorded services. We sometimes experienced technical difficulties with streaming which was regrettable.

I am very keen to encourage a wider variety of worship and particularly to those services that will attract new people into our congregation. I would like to thank Peter, Sue, David, John, Margaret, Angela and Paul for their support. It was a joy to authorise Loraine, John and Mike Longdon as ALMs at Pentecost 2021, although John decided to stand down as an ALM later in the year. I would like to thank Tim and Chris for playing the organ for us and to the choir and singers at All Saints' and, during 2021, at St Thomas' too. Thanks to Loraine for organising the rotas and to all those people who have read to us from the Bible and offered intercessions. I am so pleased that we were able to offer Covid-safe services and Open Church for private prayer and my thanks to all that have helped support this.

In 2022, we have been able to enjoy our worship and fellowship in church once again but it will take some time for people to adjust after a long period of pandemic.

Mission

In September 2021, the PCC agreed the 2022-2025 Mission Plan and reports are provided against progress at PCC meetings. Pastoral Friends (see below) and Breakfast Time (see Loraine Bant's report below) were two initiatives from this plan.

Pastoral Friends

Pastoral Friends was established from the remnants of the old Pastoral Committee. A new training programme was led by Rev. Dr. Sue Woan and completed and DBS and safeguarding training has been almost completed by its members.

Pastoral Friends have held two lunches so far for those people in our church community who would like the opportunity to meet up and chat with new and old friends over a homemade lunch. People have found this initiative valuable.

Friends of the Parish of Birchington

Under the chairmanship of David Sheekey, this group began to devise an events programme during 2021 which is being implemented in 2022. I would like to extend my thanks to David and all of the members of this sub-committee.

Seammarsh Group

Good and close collaboration between the Seammarsh Group began in 2021 but in 2022, planning work is currently in abeyance. However, the Deanery are keen for this Group to move forward and further work will begin in late 2022.

Finance

The Parish does not have financial resilience and is often vulnerable. The Parish continued to face significant financial pressures in 2021 (see 2021 accounts). We have struggled to pay our Parish Share quota which we do have an obligation to pay. In April 2021, a review of the shape of the Parish began and consultation work is proposed for June 2022 to gather the views of our local congregations and the wider community about how we respond to the financial challenges we face, particularly with the possible costs from the Quinquennial reports.

The Diocese applied for planning permission on the land at the Vicarage proposed for housing which was successful in 2021. We hope to gain some financial benefit from this sale but we await news. However, the Parish will still need to consider its longer-term financial viability.

Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge.

7th May 2022

The Churchwardens' Report

The church buildings were regularly checked by a churchwarden during lockdown and as we reopened on Mothering Sunday in 2021, the churches were prepared for services by a churchwarden ensuring that the Churches were as Covid safe as possible and that the wafers/wine were hygienically prepared for Eucharists. The soft furnishings have been returned to the churches now. We give space in our churches for those wishing to sit in isolation, with masks or to even join services via Facebook with live streaming – a system which was set up after a legacy was left to the Church – a portable Nave Altar and legilium were also purchased from this fund, both of which are well used.

The PCC agreed that PAT testing should be carried out across the Parish and that the two ovens professionally cleaned – both these were carried out in 2022 so outside the remit of this report.

We set up a service agreement for our four boilers – we have made good use of this having one x call out to All Saints, two x call outs to Church House and two x call out to Kearns Hall.

In All Saints' Church a faculty was applied for to augment the organ. The 2021 Quinquennial highlighted a large number of maintenance and repairs that are necessary including the re-shingling of the steeple, a new lightening conductor and an investigation into a beam in the bell tower to establish whether the beam can be treated, or a replacement is needed as well as the re-tiling of the main body of the roof (work estimated over £75,000). There is more work – non urgent that is required in All Saints'.

The churchyard continues to be a closed churchyard maintained by TDC with whom we have an excellent working relationship. They certainly are working with us – we have seen the return of the broken gate and a repair has been logged from 2021 to repair the bottom gate and to place a gate at the top of the boiler room steps. The spring and autumn programme of work has seen a big improvement in the overgrown areas of the churchyard. This work has been enhanced by the work of the volunteers working under TDC and the British Legion's War Graves Co-Ordinator.

Church House had a new flat roof – paid in part with a grant from a county counsellor. The Office and Committee Room were not fit for use/hiring due to the two rooms drying out from the leaks that occurred before the flat roof was repaired. There then appeared a leak in the highest point of the Church House roof (again the work was completed in 2022 so out of the remit of this 2021 report).

The Quinquennial report found that St Mildred's Church requires a new roof (approx. £50,000) and the heating investigated for a more energy efficient and effective method of heating this cold and often damp church.

A tree had to be removed under health and safety after permission was gained from TDC.

The Quinquennial report for St Thomas, showed a large number of areas to be investigated and costed including the ceiling and areas of the walls lined with compressed card. This is deteriorating due to its age. This work alone has been estimated at over £80,000 (including redecoration). The bell tower needs to be removed, the cracking around the windows needs an investigation from an engineer, the rainwater system needs to be removed, renovated and some possibly replaced and the roof above the porch is in need for repair. A piece of asbestos needs removing by a specialist agent and the polystyrene tiles removed and replaced with a suitable material from the kitchen, vestry and toilet areas. There are doors and windows that need repair. The costs for the few jobs that we have managed to obtain is above £100,000.

Kearns Hall has been fitted with one new fire door and we inspect the others regularly. A new mixer tap was fitted in the kitchen.

The Quinquennial report has huge financial implications for all our churches – the Parish had not addressed the growing requirements for repairs for the last three reports (over a period of fifteen years). We now must seriously address these issues. There is work that needs doing as soon as possible and other work over five years. Having to pay our Parish Share – reduced for 2022, and the growing cost of the day to day running costs of our five buildings, plus these demands from the Quinquennial renovations is extremely daunting.

There has obviously been smaller works that have been completed during 2021 and works that have overflowed into this year (2022) which will be reported on in next year's report. The selling of the section of the Vicarage Garden still is uncompleted – but work is slowly progressing and hopefully there will be a replacement garage erected soon -and the old one demolished so that the sale of the land can go to auction.

Lorraine Bant and Mike Little

Churchwardens

Safeguarding Report

In 2021, no issues of safeguarding were reported to the Safeguarding Officer for the Parish or to the Priest in Charge.

We have now completed training in safeguarding for the PCC – both Basis Awareness and Foundation. Our Priests, Reader and the Safeguarding Officer all have taken and passed the Leadership course as a requirement of the Diocese. ALMs only are required to pass the Basic Awareness and Foundation levels. The Pastoral Friends are all required by the Priest-in-Charge and Safeguarding Officer to have passed these two levels before they can undertake the role of a Pastoral Friend (and have a successful DBS check)

Our next plan is to ensure that all sides people have undertaken these courses.

Safeguarding is on each agenda of the PCC.

Lorraine Bant

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Birchington CE Primary School Report

2021 was a year spent coming out of lockdown and the school gradually reverting to all pupils being in school full time. SATs testing was cancelled for another year. The school provided work for all pupils virtually or in paper form. There were also loan laptops available for any child without a device at home.

The school had their first service in church in July – with the Year 6 Leavers Service and then held a full programme of Christmas services in December. Mark led staff prayers via Zoom on a Thursday lunchtime and he and/or Loraine visited the school every Wednesday to take Collective Worship with a rotation of year groups. Loraine led a Messy Church Club in the School for 3 terms with a variety of year groups as part of the after-school activities.

The Church provided Easter eggs to children who would not be receiving an egg from home and Christmas gifts, via the Giving Tree charity. We also made donations of good quality second hand shoes and a financial donation to support children without a pair of shoes to wear in school.

The school provided artwork, poems, and prayers at Pentecost and Harvest time to decorate All Saints Church and the church was opened so that parents/carers could visit the church after school to visit and see the displays.

In November at the launch of our All-Age Service in All Saints, we welcomed the school choir to sing and read at the service.

Rev. Mark and Loraine, as Foundation Governors, supported the school with their preparations for the SIAMS inspection – which is an inspection for Church schools.

Loraine Bant

Chair of Governors

All Saints' Committee 2021 Annual Report

Because of the pandemic, the activities of the All Saints committee were severely curtailed in 2021. Only one committee meeting was held (in October) and the actions planned at that were largely impacted by a 'lockdown' which lasted into 2022.

The fabric of All Saints will be covered elsewhere. However, it is worth noting that although the Church House roof has been repaired, this building is showing its age and there are concerns about its long-term future. Thanks to open dialogue by the churchwardens with Thanet District Council, the churchyard is in good order.

The committee kept All Saints open on Saturday mornings in 2021 from 1000 to 1200 when that was possible under diocesan guidelines and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteer team. Although visitor numbers are generally small, it provides a welcome opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer in these difficult times.

The All Saints fund balances as at 31.12.21 were as follows:

Church House	£2097.59
Quex	£687.30
All Saints restoration fund	£787.84

At a meeting in April 2022 the committee agreed unanimously that there was still a need for an All Saints committee as a mechanism for that church and its parishioners to raise issues, concerns and suggestions with Mark and the PCC. Meetings will be held two to three weeks before PCC meetings to aid effective communication. Terms of Reference will be agreed in due course.

Dave Alker
Assistant Churchwarden

St Thomas Church & Kearns Hall Report for APCM 2022

Since the last APCM, St Thomas Church has been able to offer a full rota of weekly services and the congregation is very grateful to Rev. Mark and all the clergy for facilitating this return to normality after the lockdowns. Vestry prayers are now said before each service and the congregation is particularly pleased that the communion wafers are now intincted with wine.

Wear and tear and natural deterioration has caused damage to two ceiling panels in the church and these have been repaired temporarily. The Quinquennial inspection report recommends the eventual replacement of the ceiling panels throughout the church and a number of other works yet to be investigated in detail.

Unfortunately, the proposed Christmas Tree Festival had to be cancelled but the Rotary & Inner Wheel Carol Service drew a large congregation.

The “Soup & Pancake” lunch on Shrove Tuesday was very well attended and thanks are due to all who helped to organise this event.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held in St Thomas Church in March and was well attended by representatives of many different churches in Birchington.

We have been delighted to restart the serving of refreshments after Sunday services and, with thanks to Eddie Doody, we have also reopened St Thomas Church for **Friday Coffee Mornings**. Everyone is welcome! Do join us from 10.30 am on Fridays. If you are able to volunteer to help in the kitchen occasionally on a Friday please get in contact with Eddie or Chris.

Following the constraints of lockdown for the past two years, the Easter Garden in St Thomas Church was, at last, a wonderful feature of our Easter celebrations. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped to construct this important corner of Jerusalem in the church.

St Thomas Church prides itself on extending a warm welcome to worshippers and anyone who would like to join the team of sides-persons is invited to contact Chris.

Further thanks to Eddie for wielding the pressure washer and making the front steps of St Thomas Church sparkling clean.

Kearns Hall is proving to be very popular with regular bookings throughout the week and parties most Saturdays and Sundays. This is providing the Parish with a useful stream of income which is currently averaging £1142 (gross before deductions for overheads) a month.

You may be interested to hear that the Spurgeons Charity will be holding a reunion in Kearns Hall on Saturday 18th June for children who were at the Birchington facility in the 1950's and 60's.

Scripture Union will be taking over Kearns Hall from 21st July until 6th August during which period we have to ask our regular hirers to suspend their bookings.

Parish breakfasts' APCM report 2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic, no Parish breakfast meetings were held in 2021. The balance at the start of the year was £85.00 and a donation of £50.00 was made to parish funds in November 2021

Following discussions with the 'Friends of the Parish of Birchington' (FoPB), it was decided that this group would take over responsibility in 2022 for organising and running parish breakfasts, which would be held in Kearns Hall and run by FoPB volunteers. As a consequence of this decision the balance of the funds in the 'Parish Breakfast account' of £35.00 was transferred to FoPB funds

Dave Alker

Co-ordinator

Men's Supper Club APCM report 2021

Men's Supper Club meetings were badly affected by the ongoing pandemic in 2021 with only the BBQ at the Quex Belltower and a Fish & Chip supper able to be held in July and November 2021 respectively. Membership at 1st January 2021 was 33 with funds of £62.00 carried over from the previous year. A donation of £50.00 was made to parish funds and the balance at year end was £38.00.

Membership at the start of 2022 had declined to 28. However, physical meetings re-started in Church House in January and are planned for the third Monday of every odd month although the March meeting was postponed due to a resurgence of Covid cases locally.

Dave Alker

Secretary

Breakfast Time

Breakfast Time opened in Church House at the beginning of November. It is manned each day by two volunteers who welcome Year 6 and other year groups' parents/carers and pupils. After a slow start, numbers began to rise seeing an average of 18 people attending each day by Christmas 2021. We have made enquiries to move the Breakfast Time onto the school site to a building owned by Sure Start and await a response from their Management Board. (Please note - we have re issued this request again at the point of submitting this report.)

This venture could not run without the loyalty to the project of our volunteers, the donations of food and financial contributions that our congregations and the local community provide and the support of Mark, our PiC, in running this worthwhile project.

The work of this Group is kept under review as part of the Parish Mission Plan.

Lorraine Bant

Co-ordinator

Choir, Organ and Bellringing Report

Choir and Organ

Although we have suffered slightly with numbers since returning after the pandemic, we still aim to sing during the Communion each week and have also sung at the ecumenical Good Friday service. With the current service pattern, we are rehearsing fortnightly at present.

Organ augmentation was planned during 2021 and completed in 2022. A technical issue with the software running the digital stops has necessitated the slightest adjustment to the proposed stops, but this should actually enhance the provision. An opening recital has been planned for June 2022 and an international recitalist has been booked to play in July.

Also during the pandemic, Lynda McGowan decided it was time to retire from organ-playing. Obviously, this is a shame, but understandable and I thank her for her time, particularly at Acol. My thanks also to Chris Hedges for his constant sterling work at St Thomas. When the Eucharist is celebrated there on the 4th / 5th Sunday, it is a pleasure to be able to sit back and listen to his work at the keyboards.

Bell-ringing

Once ringing was allowed to restart, the ringers quickly got back into the swing of things, ringing quarter peals for virtually every Sunday service in 2021. This has continued with us being able to ring lots of methods named after various wedding anniversaries for people in the village – receiving many positive comments on the Birchington Facebook group.

The bells and associated equipment seem to be in good order and we have now put the “new” (about 6 years ago!) ropes on all but one of the bells.

Tim Attride

Director of Music

Treasurer's Report for APCM 2021

Please refer to the 2021 Accounts – Treasurer's Report.

Sara Gower

Treasurer

PCC Report

The PCC, met on four occasions between January 2021 to December 2021.

Attendances were as follows.

28 th April (via Zoom)	18
21 st July	18
1 st September	14
10 th November	18

Each meeting included the Priest-in-Charge, Churchwardens' and Treasurer's Reports, individual church reports, as well as Health and Safety and Safeguarding. Birchington Primary School, Deanery and Diocesan reports were included when relevant.

The main topics also covered in those meetings were:

Allotments

The future of the Parish

2022-2025 Mission Plan

Organ Augmentation

The Seamarsh Group

Updates on Church services and worship arrangements coming out of Lockdown.

Friends of the Parish of Birchington

Fundraising

Tim Attride

PCC Secretary

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Representatives. have been able to attend the three synod meetings this year with just one absence due to a holiday. Attendance was either by Zoom or face to face. The topics in the main have been around giving, finances of Parishes/Churches, the Deanery Mission Plan and the sustainability of churches.

Deanery Synod Representatives

Rev Mark Ham; Loraine Bant and Margaret Hawkins

Diocesan Synod

Rev. Mark and Loraine are Deanery nominated Diocesan representatives. The themes for most of the synods has been around the same themes as Deanery Synods – with many of the topics linked back to finances. Recently there has been an introduction on the work of General Synod and the impact of that synod's deliberations on the work in the Diocese and Deaneries.

Rev Mark Ham and Loriane Bant

Priest-in-Charge and Churchwarden

**The Parochial Church Council
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The Ecclesiastical Parish
of
All Saints Birchington
with
St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Ba**

(Charity Commission Registration Number : 1163660)

Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 December 2021

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Year ended 31 December 2021

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2021

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
Birchington with St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis B.

Other name Birchington PCC

Registered Charity Number 1163660

Principal address The Parish Office, Church House, Kent Gardens
BIRCHINGTON, Kent CT7 9RS

Trustees who manage the charity

The Reverend Mark Ham	Vicar and Chairman
Loraine Bant	Churchwarden
Michael Little	Churchwarden
John Hawkins	Secretary to 20 June 2021
Sara Gower	Treasurer
David Alker	
Pam Boulton	to 20 June 2021
Edwin Doody	
Lily Doody	
Margaret Hawkins	
Christopher Hedges	
Hazel Hedges	from 20 June 2021
Tessa Hinge	
Douglas Holmes	
Maureen Hudson	Co-opted from 20 June 2021 for 1 year only
Neville Hudson	
Maria Longdon	
Michael Longdon	
Timothy Maakestad	from 20 June 2021
Christine March	to 20 June 2021
Steven Mayes	to 20 June 2021
Geoffrey Pegg	
Kathleen Porteous	
Michael Ransley	from 20 June 2021
Paul Seymour	
Barry Smith	
Janet White	

Secretary

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2021

Names and addresses of advisors

Bankers	HSBC Westwood Cross Shopping Centre 26 Margate Road, Broadstairs CT10 2BF
Investment Managers	CCLA Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
Independent examiner	Andrew Webster FCA DChA 48 St Martin's Hill, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1PP

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document	Issued by the Church of England and adopted
How the charity is constituted	A formerly excepted charity as a Church of England
Trustee selection methods	Trustees elected for a three year period by the Church who are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church') are primarily focussed on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge. In addition the PCC's further activities as listed below also have public benefit.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2021

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provision of public worship in the parish church of All Saints Birchington and the churches of St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
- The provision of sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation
- The provision of pastoral work, including the visiting of the sick and bereaved
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The promotion of the whole mission of the Church through the provision of groups for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups.
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC aims to follow the advice of the Charity Commission in this respect but at times it is having concerns in connection with paying the annual Parish Share to the Diocese.

Funds materially in deficit

No fund of the charity is in deficit.

Accounting responsibilities of the trustees

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these accounts the trustees

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures from those standards explained in the accounts
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2021

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Treasurer's Report - year ended 31 December 2021

This year has been a difficult year again due to Covid which shut our churches down. Unfortunately that cut our income, especially with the halls also closed.

We were very fortunate in January when we received a very generous donation towards this year's Charity Commission loan repayment of £3,000. The balance of the loan stands at £32,153. The balance needs to get to £52,000 to be cleared by 2030.

During 2020 we had received a legacy and had kept some back monies back to help with the new flat roof on Church House. This hall is one of our major income providers and is used by many groups and is part of our mission. Again we were very fortunate and made a donation to the fundraising project to raise funds towards the new roof in 2021.

I am pleased to report that a large amount of our Parish Share was paid (75%) leaving a balance of £21,752 still outstanding from this year. Overall there is a balance of £10,000 owed to the Diocese from this and previous years shortfalls.

Our gas and electricity contracts came to an end and although new contracts have started the new rates will increase our costs considerably in 2022.

The insurance figure has gone down greatly this year as we changed to a monthly direct debit, at no extra cost, to help with our financial planning. Next year will see the insurance figure back to the normal amount of approximately £9,000.

The salaries figure was also reduced this year due to the Administrator being made redundant in 2020. Our retired clergy were not able to do as many services due to the churches being closed and took a reduction in their honoraria.

The final balance sheet figure is looking extremely healthy but this is mainly due to investments increasing in value by £106,096. Unfortunately this is not monies that we are able to spend although we do get use of the interest.

Monies from the Sybella Petley fund (Acol Churchyard) were given out again to the Bank, Birchington Church of England Primary School and King Ethelbert's School for the poor of the parish.

Our bank, HSBC, introduced bank charges in November and this will affect us more.

Fundraising this year did increase with monies being raised by the 100 club, recycling open gardens, boot fair/table top sales, Ride and Stride and two of our Parishioners doing an amazing sponsored walk. Donations were also given for the Church House.

Looking ahead 2022 will continue to be a challenging time for us all but we must trust in God to help us through.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances from their giving of time and their monies.

Sara Gower

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Birchington

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2011, which are set out on pages 7 to 13

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. It has not been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters which I might state to them in a Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under the Charities Act 2011 and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable provisions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that the financial statements are not in material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' of the financial position of the charity as a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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.

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Incoming Resources	2			
Voluntary income:				
Incoming resources from donors		58,096	8,470	
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Activities for generating funds:		18,550	733	
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Total Resources Used		83,710	36,973	
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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Not	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Fixed Assets				
Investment assets				
CBF				846,476
COIF				1,275
		-	-	847,751
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Cash in hand			201	
Current Account		1,935		
Savings Account			41,768	
CBF deposits		32	7,958	32,153
		1,967	49,927	32,153
Less Parish Share				
Net Current Assets		1,967	49,927	32,153
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Funds				
Unrestricted				
General Fund		1,935		
Capital Reserve		32		45,272
		1,967	-	45,272
Restricted				
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Emma Simmons			512	1,275
Acol Churchyard Fund(SP)			4,684	27,353
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1,275	1,117
<u>847,751</u>	<u>741,655</u>
201	-
1,935	234
41,768	46,490
40,143	41,846
<u>84,047</u>	<u>88,570</u>
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<u>84,047</u>	<u>88,570</u>
<u>931,798</u>	<u>830,225</u>
1,935	234
45,304	41,484
<u>47,239</u>	<u>41,718</u>
796,082	697,214
1,787	1,596
32,037	31,915
12,684	11,292
41,969	46,490
<u>884,559</u>	<u>788,507</u>
<u>931,798</u>	<u>830,225</u>

on its behalf by:

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Act Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the tax is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as and when the PCC is notified of entitlement and can identify the amount due.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

Sales of magazines from the church are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Resources expended

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. During the year ended 31 December 2021 £65,000 was paid against an amount requested of £65,000. Over the last three years a total of £63,380 has been underpaid to the Diocese of the amounts requested. No provision has been made for this amount in these accounts in accordance with advice received from Diocesan House.

Investments

Stock exchange investments are included at the mid market value on the date of the Balance Sheet. The three areas of land have not been included on the Balance Sheet as

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Incoming Resources from Donors			
Planned Giving	34,392		
Collections	5,470		
Collections for charities	1,339		
Income Tax Recovered	8,950		
Donations & Legacies	7,945	8,470	
	58,096	8,470	
Activities for Generating Funds			
Fundraising activities	4,179	733	
Magazine	1,150		
Church Hall Lettings	13,221		
	18,550	733	
Receipts from Church Activities			
Fees	3,981		
Miscellaneous			
Insurance claims	-		
Sundry income	-		
Furlough payments received	861		
Visiting clergy refund	-		
	861	-	
Investment Income			
Interest - Bank savings account		4	
CBF Funds	1,149	20,372	16
Rent from land	928		
	2,077	20,376	16
Total Receipts	83,565	29,579	16

Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
34,392	35,469
5,470	3,358
1,339	1,449
8,950	9,726
<u>16,415</u>	<u>19,629</u>
<u>66,566</u>	<u>69,631</u>
4,912	3,515
1,150	889
<u>13,221</u>	<u>9,939</u>
<u>19,283</u>	<u>14,343</u>
<u>3,981</u>	<u>2,443</u>
-	-
-	251
861	3,719
<u>-</u>	<u>961</u>
<u>861</u>	<u>4,931</u>
4	33
21,537	20,972
<u>928</u>	<u>750</u>
<u>22,469</u>	<u>21,755</u>
<u>113,160</u>	<u>113,103</u>

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31

3 Resources Used

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Fund Raising Event Costs			
Fund raising expenses	20	156	
Magazines	720		
	740	156	
Donations (Grants)			
Charitable giving	1,339	4,314	
Direct Ministry Expenditure			
Parish Share	46,000	19,000	
PS provision written back	-		
Clergy working expenses	-		
	46,000	19,000	
Church Running Expenses			
Upkeep of services	4,131		
Gas, Electric & Water	5,386		
Insurance	3,050		
Security costs	-		
Repairs & Maintenance	2,188		
	14,755	-	
Salaries & Support Costs	3,260		
Church hall running costs	6,036		
Administration			
Printing & Stationery	3,898		
Miscellaneous	-	569	
Visiting clergy expenses	-		
Independent Examiner	400		
Loan repayment	3,000		
	7,298	569	
Major Works			
Legilium	450		
Quinquennial ezps	2,636		
Heating repairs	1,196	1,220	
CH New roof		10,140	
New Altar		554	
Tree work St M		1,020	
Vestry Ceiling All SS			
Heating All SS			
Guttering St M			
CH Hse Pathway			
Camera for Streaming			

Total Payments

4,282	12,934
83,710	36,973

December 2021

total 2021 £	total 2020 £
176	1,196
720	615
<u>896</u>	<u>1,811</u>
 5,653	 4,584
 65,000	 50,000
-	(4,000)
-	-
<u>65,000</u>	<u>46,000</u>
 4,131	 4,670
5,386	5,108
3,050	9,170
-	132
2,188	2,501
<u>14,755</u>	<u>21,581</u>
<u>3,260</u>	<u>15,997</u>
<u>6,036</u>	<u>6,059</u>
 3,898	 4,088
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-	378
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3,000	-
<u>7,867</u>	<u>5,537</u>
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-	1,245
-	987
-	1,900
-	950
-	2,639

<u>17,216</u>	<u>7,721</u>
<u>120,683</u>	<u>109,290</u>

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2021

4 Movements on restricted funds

	Balance 1.1.2021 £	Monies In £	Monies Out £	Transfers £
Church Lands	580	19,364	(19,000)	
Emma Simmons	479	33		
Acol Churchyard (SP)	7,986	698	(4,000)	
Education Trust	1,786	277	(245)	
100 Club	660		(156)	
Junior Church	188	300	(173)	
All Saints	1,504	1		
AS Restoration fund	768			
Church House Repairs*	1,994	3,238	(3,919)	785
Quex Chapel	487	200		
Legacy Jeston*	7,361		(6,576)	(785)
St Thomas	26,270	1,232	(295)	
St Mildred's	3,979	1	(1,020)	
New Toilet Fund	58			
Messy Church	351			
Church Wardens Fund	1,181		(800)	
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	637	765	(650)	
Toddlers Group	106			
Music Fund	680	3,000		
Breakfast Time		470	(69)	
Churches Together	266		(70)	
	<u>57,321</u>	<u>29,579</u>	<u>(36,973)</u>	<u>0</u>

*Legacy balance to be used on Church House and subsequently
balance of £785 transferred

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Details of Restricted Accounts

Church Lands

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Income is paid into our account. This income is to be used for the maintenance of the PCC and any residue can be used for repairing and beautifying the churches of Acol and Bay. Any remaining balance may be used in the furthering of the religious and charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish.

Emma Simmons

Its purpose is to benefit the poor/elderly of Acol and grants can be made to individuals.

Acol Churchyard (Sybella Petley)

The capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Income is paid into our account and can be distributed to the deserving poor in the parish at Christmas.

Education Trust

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Income is paid into this account for educational purposes in the parish.

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All Saints Fund

These monies are from various legacies and fund raising over the years. A subs was received from 'The Friends of All Saints' in 2009. These funds are to be used for the upkeep of the church.

St Mildred's Fund

These funds are to be used for the upkeep of St Mildred's.

St Thomas Funds

These funds have been raised from legacies, gift days and fundraising and are for the upkeep of St Thomas Church and Kearns Hall.

Details of land owned by the PCC

The PCC own four pieces of land

The land on which the Acol village hall stands. Ground rent is charged at £200 per the lease dated 18 March 2013 organised by the Diocese.

The Allotments at St James Terrace, Birchington. Land registry title number K983
Piece of land off Canterbury Road, Birchington. Land registry title number K983
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These pieces of land have been looked at by the Diocese and are regarded to have no commercial value at the present time.

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(Charity Commission Registration Number : 1163660)

Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 December 2021

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Year ended 31 December 2021

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2021

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
Birchington with St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis B.

Other name Birchington PCC

Registered Charity Number 1163660

Principal address The Parish Office, Church House, Kent Gardens
BIRCHINGTON, Kent CT7 9RS

Trustees who manage the charity

The Reverend Mark Ham	Vicar and Chairman
Loraine Bant	Churchwarden
Michael Little	Churchwarden
John Hawkins	Secretary to 20 June 2021
Sara Gower	Treasurer
David Alker	
Pam Boulton	to 20 June 2021
Edwin Doody	
Lily Doody	
Margaret Hawkins	
Christopher Hedges	
Hazel Hedges	from 20 June 2021
Tessa Hinge	
Douglas Holmes	
Maureen Hudson	Co-opted from 20 June 2021 for 1 year only
Neville Hudson	
Maria Longdon	
Michael Longdon	
Timothy Maakestad	from 20 June 2021
Christine March	to 20 June 2021
Steven Mayes	to 20 June 2021
Geoffrey Pegg	
Kathleen Porteous	
Michael Ransley	from 20 June 2021
Paul Seymour	
Barry Smith	
Janet White	

Secretary

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2021

Names and addresses of advisors

Bankers	HSBC Westwood Cross Shopping Centre 26 Margate Road, Broadstairs CT10 2BF
Investment Managers	CCLA Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
Independent examiner	Andrew Webster FCA DChA 48 St Martin's Hill, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1PP

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document	Issued by the Church of England and adopted
How the charity is constituted	A formerly excepted charity as a Church of England
Trustee selection methods	Trustees elected for a three year period by the Church who are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church') are primarily focussed on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge. In addition the PCC's further activities as listed below also have public benefit.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2021

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provision of public worship in the parish church of All Saints Birchington and the churches of St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
- The provision of sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation
- The provision of pastoral work, including the visiting of the sick and bereaved
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The promotion of the whole mission of the Church through the provision of groups for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups.
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC aims to follow the advice of the Charity Commission in this respect but at the moment it is having concerns in connection with paying the annual Parish Share to the Diocese.

Funds materially in deficit

No fund of the charity is in deficit.

Accounting responsibilities of the trustees

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these accounts the trustees

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures from those standards explained in the accounts
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report year ended 31 December 2021

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on
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The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Treasurer's Report - year ended 31 December 2021

This year has been a difficult year again due to Covid which shut our churches down. Unfortunately that cut our income, especially with the halls also closed.

We were very fortunate in January when we received a very generous donation towards this year's Charity Commission loan repayment of £3,000. The balance of the loan stands at £32,153. The balance needs to get to £52,000 to be cleared by 2030.

During 2020 we had received a legacy and had kept some back monies back to help with the new flat roof on Church House. This hall is one of our major income providers and is used by many groups and is part of our mission. Again we were very fortunate and made a donation to the fundraising project to raise funds towards the new roof in 2021.

I am pleased to report that a large amount of our Parish Share was paid (75%) leaving a balance of £21,752 still outstanding from this year. Overall there is a balance of £10,000 owed to the Diocese from this and previous years shortfalls.

Our gas and electricity contracts came to an end and although new contracts have started the new rates will increase our costs considerably in 2022.

The insurance figure has gone down greatly this year as we changed to a monthly direct debit, at no extra cost, to help with our financial planning. Next year will see the insurance figure back to the normal amount of approximately £9,000.

The salaries figure was also reduced this year due to the Administrator being made redundant in 2020. Our retired clergy were not able to do as many services due to the churches being closed and took a reduction in their honoraria.

The final balance sheet figure is looking extremely healthy but this is mainly due to investments increasing in value by £106,096. Unfortunately this is not monies that we are able to spend although we do get use of the interest.

Monies from the Sybella Petley fund (Acol Churchyard) were given out again to the Bank, Birchington Church of England Primary School and King Ethelbert's School for the poor of the parish.

Our bank, HSBC, introduced bank charges in November and this will affect us more.

Fundraising this year did increase with monies being raised by the 100 club, recycling open gardens, boot fair/table top sales, Ride and Stride and two of our Parishioners doing an amazing sponsored walk. Donations were also given for the Church House.

Looking ahead 2022 will continue to be a challenging time for us all but we must trust in God to help us through.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances from their giving of time and their monies.

Sara Gower

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Birchington

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2011, set out on pages 7 to 13

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. It has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters which I am required to state to them in a Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under the provisions of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable provisions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that the financial statements are not in material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' of the financial position of the charity as a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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 G Webster FCA, DChA, FRSA
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for the year ended 31 December 2021

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846,476	740,538
1,275	1,117
<u>847,751</u>	<u>741,655</u>
201	-
1,935	234
41,768	46,490
40,143	41,846
<u>84,047</u>	<u>88,570</u>
-	
<u>84,047</u>	<u>88,570</u>
<u>931,798</u>	<u>830,225</u>
1,935	234
45,304	41,484
<u>47,239</u>	<u>41,718</u>
796,082	697,214
1,787	1,596
32,037	31,915
12,684	11,292
41,969	46,490
<u>884,559</u>	<u>788,507</u>
<u>931,798</u>	<u>830,225</u>

on its behalf by:

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Act Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the tax is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as and when the PCC is notified of entitlement and can identify the amount due.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

Sales of magazines from the church are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Resources expended

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. During the year ended 31 December 2021 £65,000 was paid against an amount requested of £65,000. Over the last three years a total of £63,380 has been underpaid to the Diocese of the amounts requested. No provision has been made for this amount in these accounts in accordance with advice received from Diocesan House.

Investments

Stock exchange investments are included at the mid market value on the date of the Balance Sheet. The three areas of land have not been included on the Balance Sheet as

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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for the year ended 31 December 2021

2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Incoming Resources from Donors			
Planned Giving	34,392		
Collections	5,470		
Collections for charities	1,339		
Income Tax Recovered	8,950		
Donations & Legacies	7,945	8,470	
	58,096	8,470	
Activities for Generating Funds			
Fundraising activities	4,179	733	
Magazine	1,150		
Church Hall Lettings	13,221		
	18,550	733	
Receipts from Church Activities			
Fees	3,981		
Miscellaneous			
Insurance claims	-		
Sundry income	-		
Furlough payments received	861		
Visiting clergy refund	-		
	861	-	
Investment Income			
Interest - Bank savings account		4	
CBF Funds	1,149	20,372	16
Rent from land	928		
	2,077	20,376	16
Total Receipts	83,565	29,579	16

Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
34,392	35,469
5,470	3,358
1,339	1,449
8,950	9,726
<u>16,415</u>	<u>19,629</u>
<u>66,566</u>	<u>69,631</u>
4,912	3,515
1,150	889
<u>13,221</u>	<u>9,939</u>
<u>19,283</u>	<u>14,343</u>
<u>3,981</u>	<u>2,443</u>
-	-
-	251
861	3,719
<u>-</u>	<u>961</u>
<u>861</u>	<u>4,931</u>
4	33
21,537	20,972
<u>928</u>	<u>750</u>
<u>22,469</u>	<u>21,755</u>
<u>113,160</u>	<u>113,103</u>

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31

3 Resources Used

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Fund Raising Event Costs			
Fund raising expenses	20	156	
Magazines	720		
	740	156	
Donations (Grants)			
Charitable giving	1,339	4,314	
Direct Ministry Expenditure			
Parish Share	46,000	19,000	
PS provision written back	-		
Clergy working expenses	-		
	46,000	19,000	
Church Running Expenses			
Upkeep of services	4,131		
Gas, Electric & Water	5,386		
Insurance	3,050		
Security costs	-		
Repairs & Maintenance	2,188		
	14,755	-	
Salaries & Support Costs	3,260		
Church hall running costs	6,036		
Administration			
Printing & Stationery	3,898		
Miscellaneous	-	569	
Visiting clergy expenses	-		
Independent Examiner	400		
Loan repayment	3,000		
	7,298	569	
Major Works			
Legilium	450		
Quinquennial ezps	2,636		
Heating repairs	1,196	1,220	
CH New roof		10,140	
New Altar		554	
Tree work	St M	1,020	
Vestry Ceiling	All SS		
Heating	All SS		
Guttering	St M		
CH Hse Pathway			
Camera for Streaming			

Total Payments

4,282	12,934
83,710	36,973

December 2021

total 2021 £	total 2020 £
176	1,196
720	615
<u>896</u>	<u>1,811</u>
 5,653	 4,584
 65,000	 50,000
-	(4,000)
-	-
<u>65,000</u>	<u>46,000</u>
 4,131	 4,670
5,386	5,108
3,050	9,170
-	132
2,188	2,501
<u>14,755</u>	<u>21,581</u>
<u>3,260</u>	<u>15,997</u>
<u>6,036</u>	<u>6,059</u>
 3,898	 4,088
569	671
-	378
400	400
3,000	-
<u>7,867</u>	<u>5,537</u>
 450	
2,636	
2,416	
10,140	
554	
1,020	
-	1,245
-	987
-	1,900
-	950
-	2,639

<u>17,216</u>	<u>7,721</u>
<u>120,683</u>	<u>109,290</u>

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2021

4 Movements on restricted funds

	Balance 1.1.2021 £	Monies In £	Monies Out £	Transfers £
Church Lands	580	19,364	(19,000)	
Emma Simmons	479	33		
Acol Churchyard (SP)	7,986	698	(4,000)	
Education Trust	1,786	277	(245)	
100 Club	660		(156)	
Junior Church	188	300	(173)	
All Saints	1,504	1		
AS Restoration fund	768			
Church House Repairs*	1,994	3,238	(3,919)	785
Quex Chapel	487	200		
Legacy Jeston*	7,361		(6,576)	(785)
St Thomas	26,270	1,232	(295)	
St Mildred's	3,979	1	(1,020)	
New Toilet Fund	58			
Messy Church	351			
Church Wardens Fund	1,181		(800)	
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	637	765	(650)	
Toddlers Group	106			
Music Fund	680	3,000		
Breakfast Time		470	(69)	
Churches Together	266		(70)	
	<u>57,321</u>	<u>29,579</u>	<u>(36,973)</u>	<u>0</u>

*Legacy balance to be used on Church House and subsequently
balance of £785 transferred

Balance
31.12.2021
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944
512
4,684
1,818

504
315
1,505
768
2,098
687
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27,207
2,960

58
351
381
752
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3,680
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49,927

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Details of Restricted Accounts

Church Lands

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. The income is paid into our account. This income is to be used for the maintenance of the P and any residue can be used for repairing and beautifying the churches of Acol Bay. Any remaining balance may be used in the furthering of the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish.

Emma Simmons

It's purpose is to benefit the poor/elderly of Acol and grants can be made to ind

Acol Churchyard (Sybella Petley)

The capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Paris is paid into our account and can be distributed to the deserving poor in the par Christmas.

Education Trust

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish
is paid into this account for educational purposes in the parish

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

All Saints Fund

These monies are from various legacies and fund raising over the years. A sub was received from 'The Friends of All Saints' in 2009. These funds are to be use

St Mildred's Fund

These funds are to be used for the upkeep of St Mildred's.

St Thomas Funds

These funds have been raised from legacies, gift days and fundraising and are for the upkeep of St Thomas Church and Kearns Hall.

Details of land owned by the PCC

The PCC own four pieces of land

The land on which the Acol village hall stands. Ground rent is charged at £200 per the lease dated 18 March 2013 organised by the Diocese.

The Allotments at St James Terrace, Birchington. Land registry title number K98
Piece of land off Canterbury Road, Birchington. Land registry title number K98
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These pieces of land have been looked at by the Diocese and are regarded to have no commercial value at the present time.

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APCM Reports 2020

The Parish of All Saints' Birchington with St Mildred Acol and St Thomas' Minnis Bay

Priest-in-Charge Report: APCM

“Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still’ Then the wind ceased, and there was dead calm.” (Mark 4:39)

Introduction

An on-going storm known as Coronavirus that has caused so much anguish, frustration, loneliness and loss in 2020 which made it such a difficult and challenging time for all of us in the Parish. We had difficulties meeting in person as a Parochial Church Council (PCC) but Zoom helped us overcome these restrictions. This has not been ideal, and decisions have had to be made by the Standing Committee which continues to face several challenges, often requiring time-sensitive decisions, and which met on a weekly basis, and continues to do so, to consider finances, church buildings, services/church closures, Covid-19 risk assessments, charity law, on-line streaming licences and pastoral matters. I would like to thank Loraine, Mike Little, Mike Longdon and Sara for their commitment and dedication during 2020 and now in June 2021, and for the patience of the PCC too.

We are all so desperate to return to normality, and hopefully soon with the impact and success of the NHS Vaccination Programme we will be gathered again as we used to. And to offer home communions and provide visiting to people's homes. I have missed that so much as a minister and I am aware that because of Covid-19 restrictions, there are many of you out there that I do not really know that well. Let us hope and pray that the 'storm' of Covid-19 will be calmed so that peace can prevail.

Worship

We continued to offer worship over the last year and have offered live, streamed and recorded services which will continue, particularly after the purchase of new camera equipment which will be installed very soon. We sometimes experienced technical difficulties with streaming which I can understand which would cause me frustration too but sometimes IT fails.

I continue to be very keen to encourage a wider variety of worship and continue to be very open and approachable to suggestions, particularly to those services that will attract new people into our congregation. I would like to convey my thanks to Peter, Sue, David, John, Margaret, Angela and Paul for their support and commitment in leading and supporting services, and I have realised that because of restrictions and the pressure to offer worship, I have not always involved some of you as much as I should have, particularly during 2020. It was a joy to authorise Loraine, John and Mike Longdon as ALMs at Pentecost 2021. I would like to thank Tim and Chris too for playing

music for us and to the choir and singers at All Saints' and, during 2021, at St Thomas' too for uplifting us all. Thanks to Loraine for organising the rotas and to all those who have read to us from the Bible and offered intercessions. I am so pleased that we were able to offer Covid-safe worshipping environments and Open Church for private prayer and my thanks go out to all that have helped supporting this.

Let us hope and pray that we will soon be able to hit the "reset" button and enjoy our worship and fellowship in church once again.

Mission

God's mission continues, and we are all called to see where he is at work, and this work has continued in 2021.

We now have Wi-fi in All Saints' and we will continue to stream from St Thomas' too with the use of mobile phone. We received a £10k legacy for All Saints' from the late Mary Kathleen Jeston, and have been able to purchase a camera, PC, networking and cabling for All Saints' which will make the production and delivery of services easier there which I refer to above. We also received some generous donations and were able to purchase a portable altar andr Legilium.

Friends of the Parish of Birchington

A small working group has been established and we have met three times. We have discussed the charity structure in 2020, and were pleased to ask David Sheekey to become Chair from the local community, although now the Group is a Sub-Committee of the PCC. This initiative will be developing and promoting its plans in the latter part of 2021..

Pastoral Committee

Sadly, this Committee could not offer what I was hoping and I felt frustrated by this. We had one meeting of this Committee and I have produced a comprehensive set of pastoral guidelines its members. We are keen for people to come forward and will offer training and guidance once we are up and about again.

Seamarsh Group

There has been good and close collaboration between the Seamarsh Group with mutual support and Zoom meetings. This work will continue but there will be a need to ratchet up our working relationships to bring us together more for missional purposes.

We were not able to appoint an Administrator with the Wantsum Benefice and because of on-going financial pressures an appointment is unlikely to happen for the foreseeable future.

Finance

The Parish does not have financial resilience and is often in a vulnerable position. The Parish continued to face significant financial pressures in 2020. We have struggled to pay our Parish Share quota which we do have an obligation to pay as part of our common life in the Diocese of Canterbury. Work began reviewing finances and budgets were set, although and will be published in due course. In April 2021, a review of the shape of the Parish has been agreed to by the PCC.

The Diocese applied for planning permission on the land at the Vicarage proposed for housing which was successful in 2021. We will gain some financial benefit from this sale. However, despite the prospect of this financial opportunity, the Parish will need to consider its mission and longer-term financial viability.

Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge.

16th June 2021

The Churchwardens Report

During 2020, the role of the churchwarden was slightly different to usual years due to the pandemic. For the first month we were still in interregnum and under two months later the churches and halls were closed.

Each week all five buildings have been inspected and the condition reported to the Standing committee and in turn to the PCC via their meetings.

We organised Mark's instalment as our new PiC in February.

The churches were prepared for all services by the churchwardens. The churchwardens attended all open church sessions. Risk assessments have been prepared by the churchwardens for use of our church halls and the reopening of our churches. Appropriate signage was made to highlight the health and safety requirements to keep our congregations safe and Covid free. These jobs were often repeated as the requirements of the lockdowns changed.

Quotes were obtained for certain defects in the buildings appeared. We negotiated a cost for the annual service and call out charge for the four boilers. A new ceiling was put up in the choir vestry. A joint in the heating pipework in All Saint had corroded badly and was leaking and this was repaired with a replacement joint and ingoing and outgoing pipe. A section of the urinal in Church House leaked so this too was replaced. The Church House Roof leaked in more than one place, so three quotes were obtained before the one offering best value for money was selected. In Church House carpark the drains were unblocked under our insurance policy and the pathway was re-laid. Broadband was put into All Saints.

The Guttering was replaced at St Mildred's Church.

At St Thomas – a ceiling board was re attached and work was done to secure the organ speaker board to the wall above Chris' head.

Loraine attended a safeguarding conference in February, and work has been on going on the Safeguarding policy and file ready for the first PCC meeting of the new year.

August 2020 saw the first Open Allotments day.

The Quinquennial Inspections take place in 2021, there has been no work completed that was highlighted by previous reports over the last 10 years so I dread the results of these reports – a big fund raising effort will be required to complete the costs of the many repairs in all three of our churches and we still have two halls to maintain as well.

Safeguarding Report

In the year 2020 we had no Safeguarding issues reported to either myself as the Parish Safeguarding Officer or to Mark as our PiC.

This coming 12 months will see all key volunteers and workers receiving safeguarding training at the appropriate level and each church issued with a safeguarding file.

I have attended the Safeguarding Conference (January 2020)

Loraine (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Birchington CE Primary School Report

The school thanks to the outstanding leadership of its Headteacher has continued to thrive during the periods of national lockdown, The school has welcomed in its vulnerable children and the children of key workers and has worked hard to ensure that all children needing meal vouchers were provided with them.

By the time, the second lockdown started the school had in place a system where all children could access teaching and learning from home. Enough laptops were available for families to borrow, and enough for one per child not family. Those who did not want to sign up to borrow a laptop had a visit from the school FLO weekly with the work in paper form.

All vulnerable children were visited, those with SEND were called at least three times a week and children had the opportunity to meet with their classmates and teachers at least weekly over the network.

The school are working in year bubbles at the present which the children enjoy – all activities have been in year bubbles for at least 6 months now. Lunches, even hot meals are served in the classrooms and children can start school slightly earlier to maximise time in the classroom and learning opportunities. All meetings are held in TEAMS and the Governors will continue this practice in 2021/2 but hopefully will be able to attend school for some fact-finding visits.

There is no data for the school this year again as SATs and other external assessments are not running however for their own interest the school is gathering its own data for their own use.

RE and Spirituality continual to be a strength in the school. Mark and I have just started to lead Collective Worship again and are involved in preparing the school for the next SIAMs inspection (we are outstanding in this assessment presently)

The staff have been magnificent during the last 18 months working hard at providing lessons in the classroom and online. They are very calm and are a wonderful role model for the pupils.

Lorraine (CoG)

All Saint's Committee 2020 Annual Report

Two committee meetings were held in early 2020 and an outline programme of events and activities were planned for the early part of the year, which included a St George's Day quiz, a 'Beetle drive' and a Fish & Chip Supper. However, because of the pandemic no events have been held since March 2020. Mike Little organised a 'Race Night' on 25th January 2020 which raised £292.40 for repairs to the Church House roof.

No committee meetings have been held during the pandemic and none are currently planned until it is clear that would be safe. As a consequence, repairs and maintenance of All Saints has fallen to the Standing Committee and I'd like to acknowledge particularly the hard work and diligence of our churchwardens in that regard

A limited number of groups were allowed back into Church House last summer before the second lockdown which brought in a small income. However, over the winter it was apparent that Church House roof needed replacement at a cost of approximately £10000. A crowdfunding appeal has been launched on Justgiving which it is hoped will provide much needed funds

TDC are responsible for maintenance of the graveyard, which has been kept in reasonable condition during the pandemic.

The All Saints fund balances as at 31.12.20 were as follows:

Church House £1,993.74

Quex £487.30

All Saints restoration fund £767.84

General balance for any use £1,503.60

The Committee kept All Saints open for either Private Prayer (Thursday mornings, 1000-1100) or 'Open Church' (Saturday mornings, 1000-1200) when that was possible under Diocesan Covid-19 Guidelines. Although participant numbers were small, this provided a welcome opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer in these difficult times

Dave Alker (13.06.21)

Report for the APCM, Sunday 20th June 2021

Re: St Thomas Church, Kearns Hall and the Parish Website

St Thomas Church is delighted to be open once again for worship and I am grateful to Rev Mark and all the clergy for initially facilitating alternating services with All Saints Church and, latterly, weekly services. I am also grateful to Loraine for ensuring that the seating in church is safely and socially distanced and that Covid regulations are closely followed. In recent weeks my thanks go to Margaret, John and Hazel for forming a “scratch” choir to sing hymns at our services.

Our mission as a church is very important and, while it would be good to see some new faces in the congregation, it is vital that we encourage all our regular worshippers to return to church. Some have been shielding during the pandemic and others find it very difficult to come to church at 10 am. In the summer, there are regularly visitors to second homes in Minnis Bay, as well as visitors, who are accustomed to services starting at 11 am. Renewal and retention are both equally important and I hope that we can facilitate both in the future.

Kearns Hall has reopened for both regular and one-off bookings and hopefully this income stream will begin to rise as confidence returns. Loraine has made a big effort to ensure that the hall is Covid safe and that the correct maximum numbers of people is observed. The grass area adjacent to the hall has proved very valuable and the dog trainer was very happy to pay the normal rate to conduct classes on the lawn. We have a potentially valuable new hiring starting soon – the NHS Pulmonary Rehab Clinic have initially booked for three months and I am hopeful that they will not only continue beyond that but will also book additional days. Scripture Union will at last be able to return to St Thomas Church and Kearns Hall this coming August and bring much needed Mission to our young people.

The Parish Website at www.allsaintsbirchington.com is regularly updated and an upgrade to the software has made editing much simpler. The **Worship Timetable** has details of each month’s services at all three of our churches, including any last minute changes. The **Streamed Service** tab carries each week’s broadcast service together with the text of the sermon given at that service. The **Weekly Prayer/Hymn/Readings** tab carries the Collect and Readings for each Sunday together with a hymn to sing along to. In addition to these tabs there are many other pages of information and everyone is invited to explore the content. Attention is drawn to all of this each week on both the Parish Facebook page and the Birchington-on-Sea Facebook page (which could potentially encourage a new member of the congregation to join us in church.)

Chris Hedges

Assistant Churchwarden & Organist

'Parish breakfasts' APCM report 2020

Parish breakfast meetings were held in February and March 2020 with attendance of 27 and 35, respectively. The February speaker was Chris Mileman who talked about 'Carers' Support East Kent and the Community Hub' while in March Peter Russell unpicked some of the myths and mysteries of Lent. Funds of £71.00 were carried over from the previous year. Due to the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns no meetings were possible for the remainder of the 2020 and for 2021 to date. Should circumstances permit, physical parish breakfasts could resume from September 2021 but, because of uncertainty surrounded emerging variants, no firm plans are possible at the time of writing

11.06.21

Dave Alker

Men's Supper Club APCM Report 2020

The Men's Supper Club members continued to enjoy fellowship at the beginning of 2020 with meetings in both February and March in Church House. Membership at 1st January 2020 was 34 with funds of £65.00 carried over from the previous year. Due to rising costs the price of meals was raised to £7.00 for 3 courses including a pre-dinner drink, wine and coffee

Due to the pandemic and subsequent Lockdown, no meetings were possible for the remainder of the 2020 and for 2021 to date. Three members have moved away and current membership stands at 31. It is hoped that Lockdown restrictions will permit us to hold an outdoor, socially-distanced BBQ at the Quex Bell Tower on 1st July though we await final information from the Government. Should circumstances permit, actual Men's Supper Club meetings are planned for September and November 2021

11.06.21

Dave Alker

Treasurer's Report for APCM

The accounts were approved at the 24th March PCC. My end of year report is on page 5 of the accounts.

There was a significant shortfall on our Parish Share as we only managed to pay £50,000 leaving a gap of £37,628 for 2020. These pressures continue in 2020.

Monies from the Sybella Petley Fund (Acol Churchyard) were donated again to the Foodbank, Birchington C of E Primary School and King Ethelbert's School for the needy in the Parish. This fund has been reviewed and it is no longer permissible to pay monies from it for the upkeep of the grave.

With regard to our Charity Commission loan I am very pleased to say that we have received a very generous donation and the repayment of £3,000 has now been paid for 2021.

Sara Gower

Report to the APCM June. 2021

In 2020, the ability of the PCC to meet was restricted by Covid-19 lockdowns and the Standing Committee had to meet each week to make decisions and review finances closely and the condition of the church buildings. Our decisions were often time-sensitive.

The PCC, therefore, met on seven occasions between January 2020 and June 2021:

During 2020, the PCC met on three occasions:

29th January (before the onset of Covid-19): 22

5th August: 17

18th November: 18

During 2021, the PCC met on four occasions including an Emergency PCC: Attendances were as follows.

January 20th 19

February 11th 18 [Emergency PCC]

March 24th 17

April 28th 18

Each meeting included the Priest-in-Charge, Churchwardens' and Treasurer's Reports, individual church reports, as well as Health and Safety and Safeguarding. The Parish website, Birchington Primary School, Deanery and Diocesan reports were included when relevant.

The main topics also covered in those meetings were:

Allotments

The future of the Parish

The Paper re: "Creating a sustainable future for Thanet Deanery" and the Parish's working Mission strapline: **"A vibrant open, welcoming, community engaged, Christ-centred church for all ages, including access to people of disability."**

The developing Seamarsh Group and the commitment of the Parish to this evolving Cluster.

Updates on Church services and worship arrangements during Lockdown.

Successful Alternative All Souls (Remembrance) Service

Friends of the Parish of Birchington concept

Fundraising

The Parish Facebook Platform and the future of virtual services and their possible impact upon actual church attendances

John Hawkins – PCC Secretary

Deanery Synod Report

The Thanet Deanery Synod has not met again in 2020 since I last reported the activities of the Synod at our APCM in 2020. As usual one meeting was focussed on finances, we had another meeting focussed on areas that Parishes may be interested in developing – Eco Churches, linking with local secondary schools and the work of our local Church Army workers in the Deanery.

In the 3rd Synod Archdeacon Jo and the Diocesan Secretary visited discussing what the Diocese were working on and finances.

Lorraine

**The Parochial Church Council
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The Ecclesiastical Parish
of
All Saints Birchington
with
St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay**

(Charity Commission Registration Number : 1163660)

Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 December 2020

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

year ended 31 December 2020

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Trustees' Annual Report **year ended 31 December 2020**

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints
Birchington with St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay

Other name Birchington PCC

Registered Charity Number 1163660

Principal address The Parish Office, Church House, Kent Gardens
BIRCHINGTON, Kent CT7 9RS

Trustees who manage the charity

The Reverend Mark Ham	Vicar and Chairman
Loraine Bant	Churchwarden
Michael Little	Churchwarden
John Hawkins	Secretary
Sara Gower	Treasurer
David Alker	
James Barber	to October 2020
Pam Boulton	
Lionel Carpenter	to October 2020
Margaret Coombs	to October 2020
Edwin Doody	
Lily Doody	
Margaret Hawkins	
Christopher Hedges	
Hazel Hedges	to October 2020
Tessa Hinge	
Douglas Holmes	from October 2020
Maureen Hudson	
Neville Hudson	
Maria Longdon	from October 2020
Michael Longdon	from October 2020
Christine March	from October 2020
Steven Mayes	
Geoffrey Pegg	
Kathleen Porteous	
Michael Ransley	to October 2020
Sarah Seyler	to October 2020
Paul Seymour	from October 2020
Barry Smith	from October 2020
Janet White	

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Names and addresses of advisors

Bankers HSBC
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Investment Managers CCLA
Senator House
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Independent examiner Andrew Webster FCA DChA
48 St Martin's Hill,
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Name of senior member of staff

Administrator Susan Murphy

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document Issued by the Church of England and adopted 2 January 1957

How the charity is constituted A formerly excepted charity as a Church of England Parish

Trustee selection methods Trustees elected for a three year period by the members of the Church who are entered on the Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church') are primarily focussed on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge and open to all. In addition the PCC's further activities as listed below also have public benefit

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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provision of public worship in the parish church of All Saints Birchington and at the churches of St Mildred Acol and St Thomas Minnis Bay
- The provision of sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation
- The provision of pastoral work, including the visiting of the sick and bereaved.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The promotion of the whole mission of the Church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups.
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC aims to follow the advice of the Charity Commission in this respect but at the moment is having concerns in connection with paying the annual Parish Share to the Diocese.

Funds materially in deficit

No fund of the charity is in deficit.

Accounting responsibilities of the trustees

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts the trustees

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent:
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

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Trustees' Annual Report

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Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Treasurer's Report - year ended 31 December 2020

There were high hopes this year with the arrival of our new vicar in February with many plans for a lot of fundraising to help us with the finances.

As you are all aware we were then struck down with Covid 19 and our plans went awry. This in turn affected our finances with the three churches having to close and no income from the halls

During this time the standing committee met most weeks via Zoom and occasionally face to face, when allowed to make our financial decisions.

There was a big shortfall on our Parish Share as we only managed to pay £50,000 leaving a shortfall of £37,628 for 2020.

The Parish Share for 2021 is £86,752 - a 1% discount on 2020.

The loan repayment was not made to the Charity Commission this year with their agreement (their email dated 7th July) as long as we make the full repayment in the 20 years. The balance of the endowment account should be back to £52,000 by 2030. The balance as at 31st December stood at £29,136.

We received two legacies this year, one for St Thomas and the other for the whole Parish. With the agreement of the family for the second legacy it was decided to purchase a camera and streaming equipment together with a new portable altar and legilium. The balance is to be used for a new roof on Church House.

You will see that our overall balance has increased by approximately £51,000. However this is only due to our endowment investments increasing in value and does not relate our actual funds available. This also allows for the £4,000 underpayment to the Diocese for 2019 Parish Share being altered from last year's accounts. Please see the note by our accountant on page 9.

Monies from the Sybella Petley fund (Acol Churchyard) were given out again to the Food Bank, Birchington Church of England Primary School and King Ethelbert's School for the poor of the parish. This fund has also been looked into and it is no longer permissible to pay out monies for the grave upkeep.

Major works in the parish for 2020 included the vestry ceiling, after it collapsed, and heating repairs in All Saints. Also new guttering at St Mildred's and a new path at Church House.

Church House will still need a lot of monies spent on it in 2021 for a new roof and repairs to the inside caused by leak damage. This will be a priority as the hall will hopefully be in use again and is a major income provider.

Fundraising due to the pandemic has been much lower this year. Monies were raised by a quiz in January, sales of cook books and greetings cards, recycling and the 100 club.

Looking ahead 2021 will continue to be a challenging time for us all but is beginning to look a little brighter and we must put our trust in God to help us through.

Thank you to all my helpers from Gift Aid to collection counting.

Sara Gower

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Birchington

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Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Incoming Resources	2					
Voluntary income:						
Incoming resources from donors		55,334	14,297		69,631	70,131
Other voluntary incoming resources						
Activities for generating funds:		12,899	1,444		14,343	41,693
Receipts from Church Activities		2,443	-		2,443	4,272
Other ordinary income resources:		4,708	223		4,931	2,172
Income from investments:		1,864	19,768	123	21,755	21,757
Total Incoming Resources		77,248	35,732	123	113,103	140,025
Resources Expended	3					
Costs of generating funds:						
Fund-raising and publicity		635	1,176		1,811	2,512
Charitable activities:						
Grants made		1,449	3,135		4,584	9,235
Direct ministry expenditure		23,000	23,000		46,000	86,163
Church running expenses		20,120	1,461		21,581	25,170
Salaries and support costs		15,997	-		15,997	12,703
Church hall running costs		6,059	-		6,059	10,935
Administration		4,896	641		5,537	10,851
Major works		-	7,721		7,721	14,943
Total Resources Used		72,156	37,134		109,290	172,512
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources Before Transfers		5,092	(1,402)	123	3,813	(32,487)
Repayment of endowment					-	2,600
Increase in value of investments				47,715	47,715	109,343
Net Movement in Funds		5,092	(1,402)	47,838	51,528	79,456
Balances at 1 January 2020		-2,980	58,723	722,954	778,697	699,241
Balances at 31 December 2020		2,112	57,321	770,792	830,225	778,697

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fixed Assets						
Investment assets						
CBF				740,538	740,538	692,800
COIF				1,117	1,117	1,050
		-	-	741,655	741,655	693,850
Current Assets						
Cash at bank and in hand						
Current Account		234			234	256
Savings Account			46,490		46,490	41,492
CBF deposits		1,878	10,831	29,137	41,846	47,009
		2,112	57,321	29,137	88,570	88,757
Less Parish Share					-	(4,000)
Net Current Assets		2,112	57,321	29,137	88,570	84,757
Net Assets	£	2,112	57,321	770,792	830,225	778,607
Funds						
Unrestricted						
General Fund		234			234	(3,744)
Capital Reserve		1,878		39,606	41,484	37,822
		2,112	-	39,606	41,718	34,078
Restricted						
Church Lands	4		580	696,634	697,214	658,429
Emma Simmons			479	1,117	1,596	1,495
Acol Churchyard Fund(SP)			7,986	23,929	31,915	32,662
Education Trust			1,786	9,506	11,292	10,541
Other restricted funds			46,490		46,490	41,492
			57,321	731,186	788,507	744,619
Total Funds	£	2,112	57,321	770,792	830,225	778,697

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

2021 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Mark P Ham
Vicar and Chairman

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as and when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and can identify the amount due.

Funds raised by events are accounted for gross

Sales of magazines from the church are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Resources expended

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. During the year ended 31 December 2020 £50,000 was paid against an amount requested of £87,628.

In addition to this sum of £37,628 a further underpayment of £4,000 remains from the year ended 31 December 2019. This had been provided for in the 2019 accounts but this provision has been reversed in the 2020 accounts in accordance with advice from Diocesan House.

Investments

Stock exchange investments are included at the mid market value on the date of the Balance Sheet. The three areas of land have not been included on the Balance Sheet as they are regarded to be of little or no commercial value.

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2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Incoming Resources from Donors					
Planned Giving	35,469			35,469	34,591
Collections	3,358			3,358	8,449
Collections for charities	1,449			1,449	2,883
Income Tax Recovered	9,726			9,726	12,094
Donations & Legacies	5,332	14,297		19,629	12,114
	55,334	14,297		69,631	70,131
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fundraising activities	2,071	1,444		3,515	10,524
Magazine	889			889	994
Church Hall Lettings	9,939			9,939	30,175
	12,899	1,444		14,343	41,693
Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees	2,443			2,443	4,272
Miscellaneous					
Insurance claims	-			-	-
Sundry income	28	223		251	383
Furlough payments received	3,719			3,719	
Visiting clergy refund	961			961	1,789
	4,708	223		4,931	2,172
Investment Income					
Interest - Bank savings account		33		33	63
CBF Funds	1,114	19,735	123	20,972	20,709
Rent from land	750			750	985
	1,864	19,768	123	21,755	21,757
Total Receipts	77,248	35,732	123	113,103	140,025

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3 Resources Used

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fund Raising Event Costs					
Fund raising expenses	20	1,176		1,196	1,467
Magazines	615			615	1,045
	635	1,176		1,811	2,512
Donations (Grants)					
Charitable giving	1,449	3,135		4,584	9,235
Direct Ministry Expenditure					
Parish Share	27,000	23,000		50,000	86,163
Parish Share provision written back	-4,000			-4,000	
Clergy working expenses	-			-	-
	23,000	23,000		46,000	86,163
Church Running Expenses					
Upkeep of services	4,670			4,670	7,539
Gas, Electric & Water	5,108			5,108	6,893
Insurance	9,170			9,170	9,043
Security costs	132			132	96
Repairs & Maintenance	1,040	1,461		2,501	1,599
	20,120	1,461		21,581	25,170
Salaries & Support Costs	15,997			15,997	12,703
Church hall running costs	6,059			6,059	10,935
Administration					
Printing & Stationery	4,088			4,088	4,506
Miscellaneous	30	641		671	1,027
Visiting clergy expenses	378			378	2,318
Independent Examiner	400			400	400
Loan repayment	-			-	2,600
	4,896	641		5,537	10,851
Major Works					
New Boiler	All SS			-	11,110
Electrical works	St T				1,950
Grave repairs					1,883
Vestry Ceiling	All SS	1,245		1,245	-
Heating	All SS	987		987	-
Guttering	St M	1,900		1,900	-
CH Hse Pathway		950		950	
Camera for Streaming		2,639		2,639	
	-	7,721		7,721	14,943
Total Payments	72,156	37,134		109,290	172,512

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4 Movements on restricted funds

	Balance 1.1.2020 £	Monies In £	Monies Out £	Balance 31.12.2020 £
Church Lands	4,867	18,713	-23,000	580
Emma Simmons	445	34		479
Acol Churchyard (SP)	10,272	714	-3,000	7,986
Education Trust	1,647	274	-135	1,786
100 Club	684	1,152	-1,176	660
Junior Church	452		-264	188
All Saints *	4,377	7	-2,880	1,504
AS Restoration fund		3,000	-2,232	768
Church House Repairs		3,172	-1,178	1,994
Quex Chapel		487		487
Legacy Jeston		10,000	-2,639	7,361
St Thomas	26,565	720	-1,015	26,270
St Mildred's	5,873	6	-1,900	3,979
New Toilet Fund	58			58
Messy Church	420		-69	351
Church Wardens Fund	1,181			1,181
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	625	100	-88	637
Toddlers Group	166		-60	106
Music Fund	898		-218	680
Churches Together	193	233	-160	266
	<u>58,723</u>	<u>38,612</u>	<u>-40,014</u>	<u>57,321</u>

*All Saints originally included Church House repairs monies £2,880 reallocated to keep these projects separate

Reconciliation of Restricted funds

Balances above	38,612	-40,014
Transfer between funds	-2,880	2,880
	<u>35,732</u>	<u>-37,134</u>

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Details of Restricted Accounts

Church Lands

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Interest is paid into our account. This income is to be used for the maintenance of the Parish Church and any residue can be used for repairing and beautifying the churches of Acol and Minnis Bay. Any remaining balance may be used in the furthering of the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish.

Emma Simmons

It's purpose is to benefit the poor/elderly of Acol and grants can be made to individuals.

Acol Churchyard (Sybella Petley)

The capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Interest is paid into our account and can be distributed to the deserving poor in the parish at Christmas.

Education Trust

The Capital is invested in an investment fund which is not available to the Parish. Interest is paid into this account for educational purposes in the parish

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

All Saints Fund

These monies are from various legacies and fund raising over the years. A substantial amount was received from 'The Friends of All Saints' in 2009. These funds are to be used for All Saints.

St Mildred's Fund

These funds are to be used for the upkeep of St Mildred's.

St Thomas Funds

These funds have been raised from legacies, gift days and fundraising and are to be used for the upkeep of St Thomas Church and Kearns Hall.

Details of land owned by the PCC

The PCC own four pieces of land

The land on which the Acol village hall stands. Ground rent is charged at £200 p.a. as per the lease dated 18 March 2013 organised by the Diocese.

The Allotments at St James Terrace, Birchington. Land registry title number K985821

Piece of land off Canterbury Road, Birchington. Land registry title number K983757

Piece of land off Canterbury Road, Birchington. Land registry title number K983777

These pieces of land have been looked at by the Diocese and are regarded to have little commercial value at the present time.

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