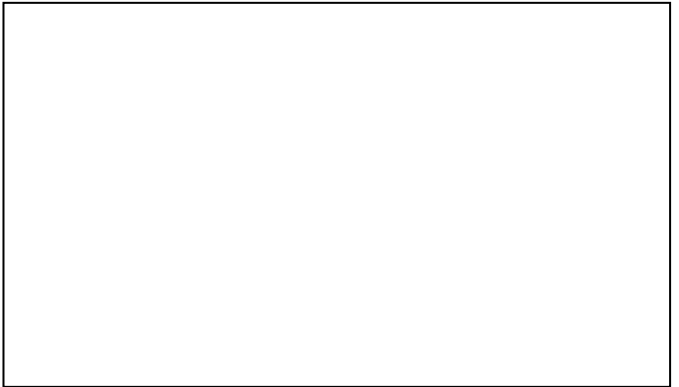
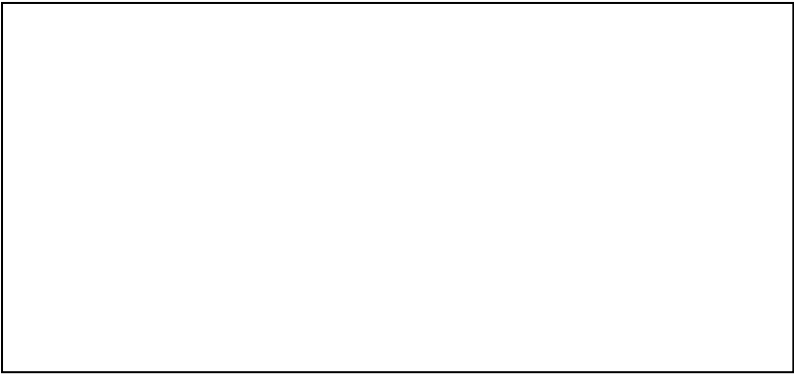
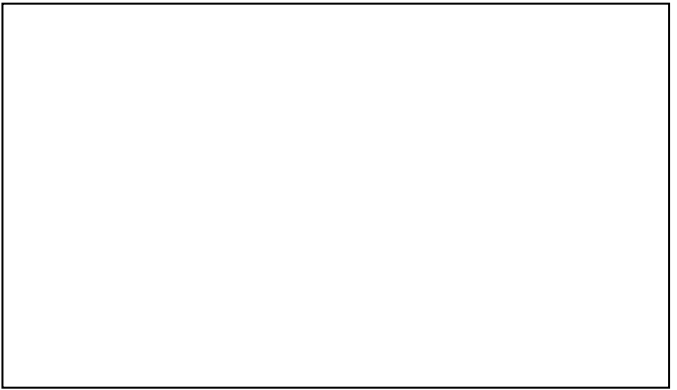
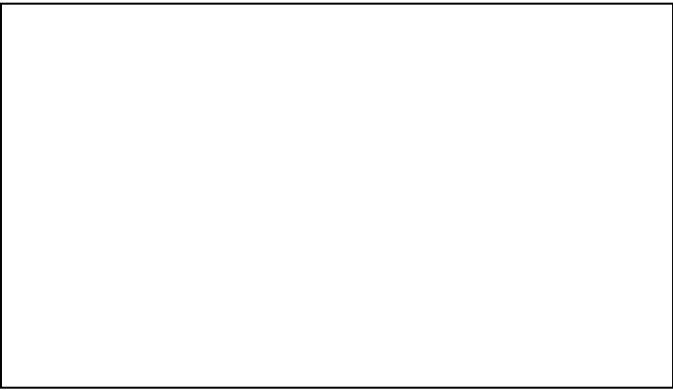
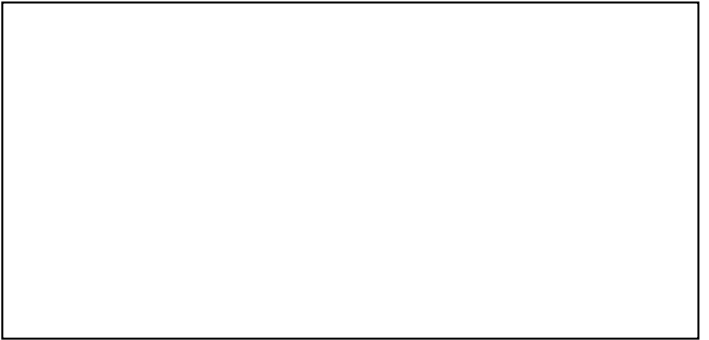
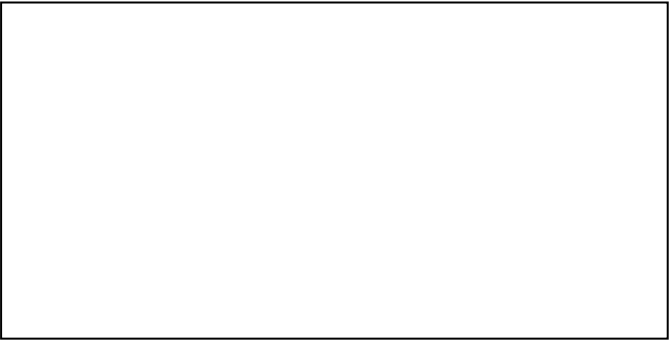
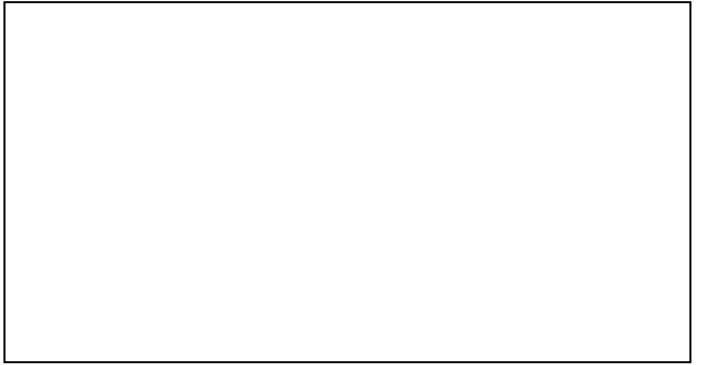
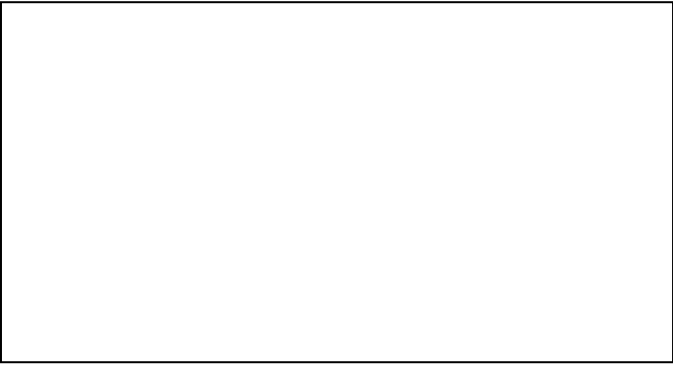
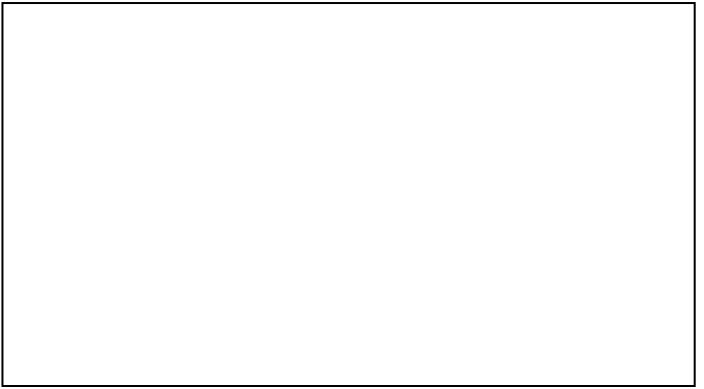
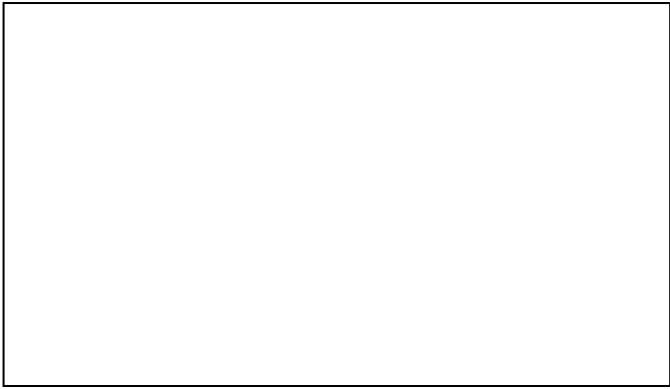
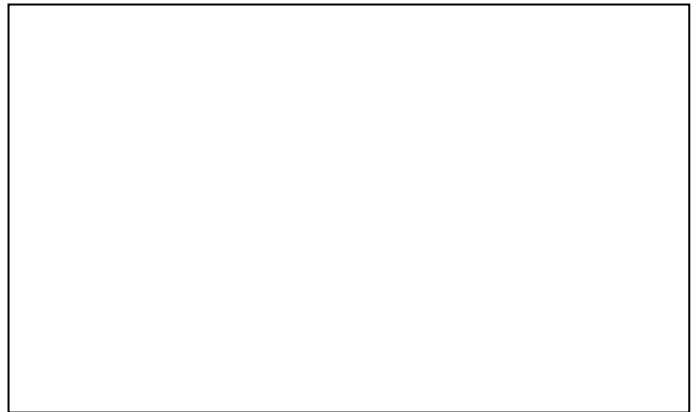
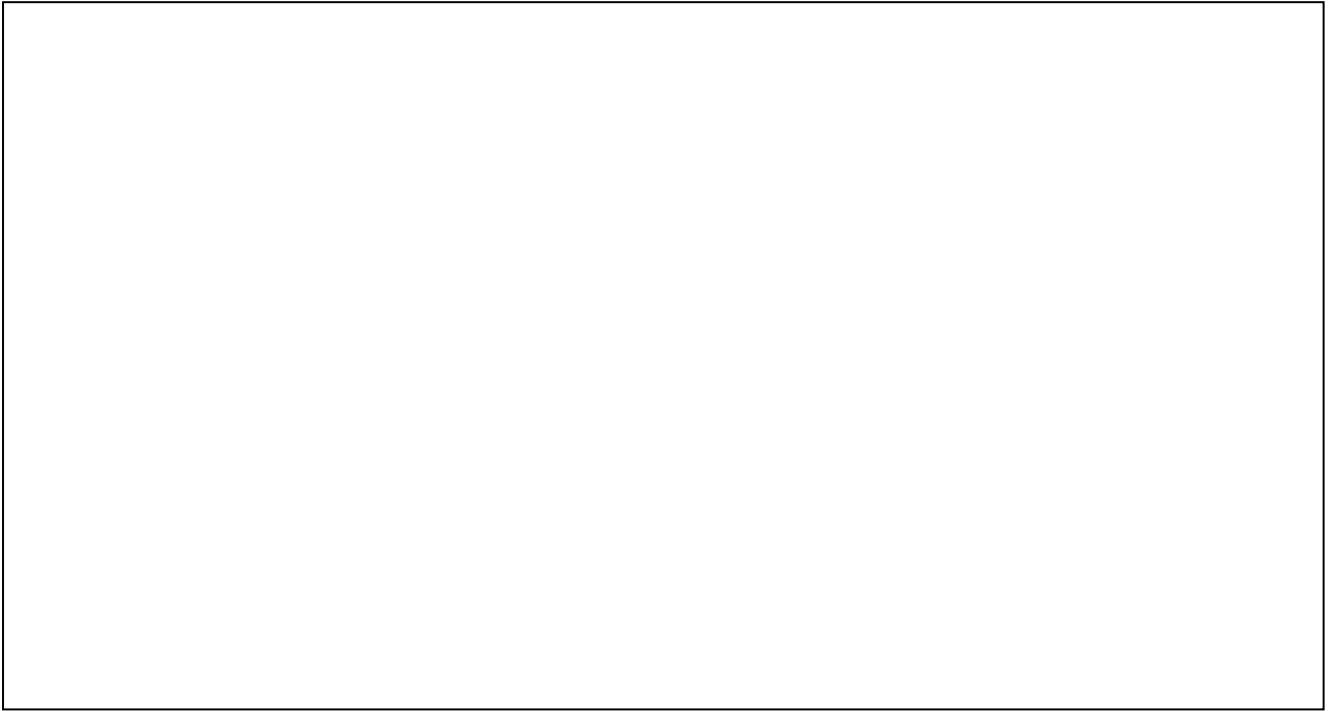


Priest-in-Charge (PiC) Report 2024 – Revd Mark Ham

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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

See Accounts

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.

After much deliberation by the PCC it was agreed on 26th January 2024 that we would pass Total Return Resolution (TRR) for the Church Lands Endowment. The TRR took immediate effect upon its adoption by the majority vote of the Board of Trustees. It was confirmed in 2025 that it was for the Church Lands Endowment only. The starting value of the TRR was required and documents were located showing that the capital was introduced in August 1966 as £26,537. It was felt prudent and a duty of care for the PCC to apply inflationary increases from the date the money was received in 1966. Using the Bank of England's CPI calculator, this increased the starting figure from £26,537 to £419,000 as at January 2024. Please note there are two Church Lands investment accounts held with CCLA although the second account's starting point and original capital has not been identified.

Total Return is an accounting process which is related to the Church Lands endowment only. The original funds have been valued at today's worth. Any excess capital gains and income may be used for the purposes of the charity's objectives.

Our accounts have been updated this year to show the Total Return and my thanks go to Andrew and Tim in particular.

The Charity Commission loan repayment of £1,000 only was paid. The balance of the loan account stands at £42,789. The balance needs to get to £52,000 to be cleared by 2030.

You may notice that our planned giving has gone down. This is due to several of our congregation moving into nursing homes, moving away and passing away. Although we joined the Parish Giving Scheme in 2023 very few have signed up. Should you wish to know more please contact me and I can give you more details. I am very grateful to all of you that give on a regular basis, either by PGS, by standing order or envelopes.

The rent received from land is back to the normal rate now that the allotment invoices are back to once a year.

Fundraising this year included a table-top sale, quiz evenings, Gospel Big Sing, Churchyard tour Harvest Supper, Craft Fair and four Parish Breakfasts. The 100 club continued as did recycling.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered, helped, attended and taken part in any of our fundraising.

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.

Looking ahead 2025 will continue to be a challenging time for us all but we must put our trust in God to help us through the changes in our parish.

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

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

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 7 to 15

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in a Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than PCC as a body, for my work or for this report.

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

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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

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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

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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.

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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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.

**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

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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.

After much deliberation by the PCC it was agreed on 26th January 2024 that we would pass Total Return Resolution (TRR) for the Church Lands Endowment. The TRR took immediate effect upon its adoption by the majority vote of the Board of Trustees. It was confirmed in 2025 that it was for the Church Lands Endowment only. The starting value of the TRR was required and documents were located showing that the capital was introduced in August 1966 as £26,537. It was felt prudent and a duty of care for the PCC to apply inflationary increases from the date the money was received in 1966. Using the Bank of England's CPI calculator, this increased the starting figure from £26,537 to £419,000 as at January 2024. Please note there are two Church Lands investment accounts held with CCLA although the second account's starting point and original capital has not been identified.

Total Return is an accounting process which is related to the Church Lands endowment only. The original funds have been valued at today's worth. Any excess capital gains and income may be used for the purposes of the charity's objectives.

Our accounts have been updated this year to show the Total Return and my thanks go to Andrew and Tim in particular.

The Charity Commission loan repayment of £1,000 only was paid. The balance of the loan account stands at £42,789. The balance needs to get to £52,000 to be cleared by 2030.

You may notice that our planned giving has gone down. This is due to several of our congregation moving into nursing homes, moving away and passing away. Although we joined the Parish Giving Scheme in 2023 very few have signed up. Should you wish to know more please contact me and I can give you more details. I am very grateful to all of you that give on a regular basis, either by PGS, by standing order or envelopes.

The rent received from land is back to the normal rate now that the allotment invoices are back to once a year.

Fundraising this year included a table-top sale, quiz evenings, Gospel Big Sing, Churchyard tour Harvest Supper, Craft Fair and four Parish Breakfasts. The 100 club continued as did recycling.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered, helped, attended and taken part in any of our fundraising.

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.

Looking ahead 2025 will continue to be a challenging time for us all but we must put our trust in God to help us through the changes in our parish.

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

Sara Gower

Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Birchington

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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

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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.