

ST MARYS SUNDRIDGE WITH IDE HILL AND TOYS HILL PCC

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Details

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH , PASTORAL, EVANGELICAL, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL

Activities: The Charity is St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC, the mission and worship services are Church of England within the Diocese of Rochester .

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£106,454	£117,256	-	-
2024-12-31	£71,700	£67,295	-	-
2023-12-31	£96,884	£85,433	-	-
2022-12-31	£63,023	£57,372	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,903	£51,175	-	-
2020-12-31	£55,702	£65,959	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALTHEA CHAPMAN		2019-04-10
Barbara Lockey		2023-04-25
Jane May Rossi		2026-05-03
Jane Rosam		2023-04-10
Joanne Elizabeth Rutter		2024-04-17
Lynne Maria Rutherford		2024-04-17
Marilyn Rita Page		2024-04-17
PENELOPE JANE FILMER BELLE		2014-04-10
ROBERT EDMUND SKONE JAMES		2022-06-30
SIMON PICKARD		2019-04-10
VIRGINIA JANE ASHWORTH		2024-04-17

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The Parish of Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

The proposal to create a joint Benefice with the two parishes of Brasted and Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill was carried forward during the year. A draft Benefice Proposal incorporating the decisions made in 2024 was delivered to the PCC by the diocese in early summer and agreed by the PCC after some discussion in June. In September, the final version of the Benefice Proposal was issued by the diocese, along with official public notices, announcements in the churches, and a period of three months (to December) for any objections to be raised. This period passed without objections, and the legal creation of the joint Benefice was promulgated in January 2026, with an effective date of February 1st 2026. This marked a new era in the Benefice of Brasted and Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill.

Having guided the parish through this period of change, The Reverend Lynette Leithead completed her period of service in the parish on January 4th 2026. In anticipation of this, in March the PCC agreed that a joint 'working group' should be formed with Brasted parish to prepare a Benefice Profile, a key component in the future recruitment of a new minister for the benefice. The working group members from the parish were Jane Belle, Lynne Rutherford, Jo Rutter (churchwardens) and Althea Chapman (churchwarden until May and PCC member). The group met six times and developed an excellent working relationship with the Brasted churchwardens. The group produced a draft Benefice Profile which was discussed by the PCC in September. The PCC broadly approved the draft and asked that an additional phrase be added to include the need for a positive attitude to diversity and inclusivity from any new incumbent. The Church of England rules mean that further steps in the recruitment of a new minister could not be taken until after the official departure of the current incumbent.

Safeguarding work continued, with Safeguarding Sunday in November, an emphasis on training for PCC members and the re-adoption of Safeguarding statements and policy. See the separate Safeguarding Report.

The PCC continued the project to use the Glebe field at Ide Hill as an extension to the Churchyard for future burials. Frustrating contacts with the National Trust and their lawyers all year finally resulted in a legal Deed establishing access rights over a small strip of land between the access road and the graveyard extension, signed in December. However, the parish are still awaiting Land Registry registration before the Churchyard extension can be consecrated by a Bishop.

In January, The PCC officially approved the 'Flushing Hill' project at Ide Hill, to build a toilet and tea station at the back of the church in the choir vestry. The PCC was kept informed of the project stages and snags (don't mention locating the stopcock) through the year and the work started in mid-November. See the Churchwardens' Fabric Report and the Ide Hill friends report for more information.

The PCC has continued to review and establish a number of formal policies. These include:

- Safeguarding Policies – renewed and displayed
- Lone Working Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Privacy Policy and Consent Form (GDPR)
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy

These policies are available in the churches or by application to the PCC Secretary

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Churches, Services and Meetings

The PCC oversees three centres of worship; St Mary's Sundridge, St Mary's Ide Hill and the Toys Hill Chancel. The year also saw closer cooperation with Brasted parish and St Martin's church. For most of the year, parish services were held on the first and third Sundays of the month at St Mary's Sundridge and on the second and fourth Sundays at Ide Hill. A Holy Communion service was held at Toys Hill on the first Sunday of the month. St Mary's Ide Hill was closed in late October to allow extensive building works to begin. During the closure, all services were held at St Mary's Sundridge, and Toys Hill continued in the usual pattern.

There have been three baptisms, no weddings, seven funerals and ten burials of ashes in the parish during the year.

A rota from the Friends has continued to open and close St Mary's Sundridge every day until dusk, with over a hundred visitors recorded in the visitors' book. St Mary's Ide Hill has been open every day until the temporary closure, thanks to a dedicated team of openers and closers.

The Rev Lynette and her team of a LLM, Readers and supporting ministers have maintained a full programme of services and celebrations across the parish, including some joint services with St Martin's Brasted. The major festivals brought a sunrise service at Easter and at Christmas a candle-lit carol service, and a Crib service, which were all well attended. There have been special services for ringing in the New Year, a special bellringing for the 80th anniversary of VE-Day, the Flower Festival, an open-air service with animal friends, Harvest festivals, an Advent hymn service, Remembrance Sunday services and a joint 'Time to Remember' with Brasted, for those who have been bereaved. Under the leadership of Joanna Campbell and the valued training of Mary Byers, organist, the 'High Days and Holidays' parish choir performed at seven services and events in the parish and one with the Brasted choir.

Prayers for the Parish meetings, open to all, met regularly. Some informal 'Café Church' gatherings were held at Sundridge church in the early part of the year.

Friends of the Churches

We are grateful for the hard work of church members and both the Sundridge and Ide Hill "Friends of St Mary's" who have organised fundraising activities which have been open to community and church alike. See separate reports).

Work with Children and Schools

Rev Lynette and Barbara Lockey continued to take the lead in working with our local schools, Sundridge & Brasted CoE Primary School, and Ide Hill CoE Primary School. See the separate Local Schools report.

Led by Diana Pickard and Jane Rosam, Forest Church was embedded within the Morning Worship service at Ide Hill (and Sundridge while Ide Hill church was closed). Forest Church met on the second Sunday of the month, usually outdoors. Thank you to the Page Family for a lovely visit to Scords Farm in December. Thank you also to Lynne Rutherford and Jane Belle for their help.

People

Reverend Lynette Leithead came back to us in 2023 after a difficult time for the parish and completed her service for us at the end of 2025. Her gift for healing and bringing people together was evident from the beginning, and under her leadership a dedicated and cohesive team was built. The sign of great leadership is when the leader is no longer there, but the team carries on as effectively as before. This is so true and is a legacy for which Lynette will be remembered. Her spiritual and practical guidance is much appreciated by us all.

Ruth Barrow formally retired from her role as Reader to the parish. In January she was honoured by Bishop Jonathan in a commendatory letter and certificate appointing her Reader Emeritus. The service at Ide Hill on 23rd February was dedicated to Ruth, where she spoke movingly of her 62 years of service to the parish, and received the universal approbation of those gathered for the celebration. Ruth always ran such lovely services where the children of the parish were involved, and her contributions were much appreciated by us all.

We are grateful for the work and dedication that our Deacon, **Rev Angela Baker** so willingly gives to our Parish. Rev Angela was very much involved with church services until she had an operation in the Autumn. We look forward to having her up at the front of the church again soon.

Our thanks and appreciation go to **Jane Rosam**, LLM, for all the services she has run in Ide Hill, Sundridge, and Toys Hill over the past year, including funerals. Jane is an essential part of Forest Church and always makes sure that the themes for the service and the activities for the children are aligned.

Barbara Lockey was awarded the Bishop's Certificate in March and continued her studies and practical work towards becoming a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) in 2026.

Many thanks are due to the many volunteers and helpers who contribute massively to the mission and running of the churches – the readers, the intercessors, the caterers, the flowers team, the bellringers, the organists, the locker-uppers, the cleaners, the working parties, the path sweepers, the churchyard volunteers, the donations collectors and bankers, and the maintenance teams.

Charities Supported

The PCC again decided that the collections on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day would be shared between three chosen charities: Porchlight, Open Doors and the Sharp Memorial School for the blind. The total amount distributed was £900.

Porchlight are a lifeline to people who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental ill health, and social exclusion. They provide housing, education, and personal development to support the most vulnerable and isolated people in our communities.

Open Doors is a charity that distributes bibles and resources, so that Christian believers can be nourished by God's word. It supports victims of violence and disaster so that they can live independent and fulfilled lives and brings hope to the Middle East so that Christians can live with dignity and hope.

Sharp Memorial School for the Blind lies in the foothills of the Himalayas and is the oldest school for the blind in India. It is a Christian Mission school for girls and boys of all casts and creeds. In both Ide Hill and Sundridge church you will see the recent report from the Sharp School. Please do take time to read it and get to know the school better.

The Remembrance Day donations of £562 was passed to the **Royal British Legion**.

'Ride and Stride' raised almost £2000 in sponsorship, shared 50/50 by the **local churches** and the **Friends of Kent Churches**.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2025

The accounts have been independently examined and are summarised in the accompanying statement that has been approved by the Independent Examiner.

At the end of 2025 there was a loss of £13789 on day to day expenditure which was reduced to £10802 as a result of investment income. This compares with a surplus of £4405 in 2024. Investments reduced in value by £4318. Total reserves reduced by £12000 to £279,854.

Planned Giving remained substantially unchanged from 2024 but collections and donations were significantly reduced on 2024 as were fees from weddings and funerals.

Gift Aid from HMRC and VAT from the LPWG Scheme has been claimed for the year and is included in the accounts. This included claiming back VAT on expenditure on the Flushing Hill Project at Ide Hill. Unfortunately, the LPWG scheme will cease at the end of March 2026 due to new government policy. However, Ide Hill Friends have confirmed that they will pay any VAT due on Flushing Hill invoices so the PCC will not be out of pocket on any Flushing Hill expenditure.

We were again pleased and grateful to receive a grant of £2000 from the Parish Council towards the cost of grass cutting in Sundridge Churchyard.

We paid a small sum in connection with the IH graveyard extension in 2025 but the bulk of the costs have been paid in January 2026 out of the IH Churchyard Fund.

Since we are sharing the Parish Office in Sundridge with Brasted parish, it has been agreed that the two parishes will share equally the costs of the office, and also those costs of the clergy that relate to both parishes. This has resulted in a payment to us of £1053 from Brasted in 2025.

The PCC's offer to the Diocese of Rochester was £25,000 (up from £20000 in 2024), and the nominated charities by the PCC received £2088.

We are grateful to the Churchwardens and others who have made sure that our funds are utilised sensibly and prudently. We especially wish to thank Fiona Parkin, Simon Pickard, Ed Dixon and Phil Chapman for managing & banking the weekly collections and providing the Treasurer with detailed

documentation. Finally, on behalf of the PCC, thank you to Gary Davison, our Independent Examiner, who has kindly examined the PCC's accounts at no cost to the Parish

GOVERNANCE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) in 2025 consisted of

Chair:	Reverend Lynette Leithead (Priest in Charge)
Vice-Chair and Churchwarden, Deanery and Diocesan Synod:	Jane Belle
Churchwardens:	Althea Chapman (to May), Jo Rutter (from May), Lynne Rutherford
Deacon:	Rev Angela Baker
Licensed Lay Minister:	Jane Rosam
Treasurer:	Robert Skone-James
Secretary:	Terry Corbett
Elected Members	Simon Pickard, Barbara Lockey, Robert Skone James Althea Chapman (from May), Lynne Rutherford (until January), Marilyn Page, Ginny Ashworth, Terry Corbett (from May), Prue Seddon (until October)
Co-opted Member	Sue Armstrong (from November)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) meets every two months and has met six times this year. Reports from the Treasurer, Churchwardens and Parish Safeguarding Officer have been received at every meeting.

The Electoral Roll was completely renewed in May 2025, with our Roll now standing at 71. Thank you to Althea Chapman, our ERO, for completing this considerable task. After Althea stepped down from this role, Wendy Fallon was elected as the Electoral Roll Officer.

After many years as a dedicated churchwarden for the parish, Althea was given the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the parish and the PCC when she stepped down from the role in May. She continued as an elected member of the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is a statutory PCC committee that may carry out some of the work of the PCC between meetings (e.g. if an urgent matter arises for which a full PCC Meeting cannot be called). The Standing Committee reports to the PCC. The size of a Standing Committee is dependent on the size of the parish Electoral Roll. The Minister is always an ex-officio member, and the PCC must appoint others from its own lay membership.

The Standing Committee in 2025 consisted of four PCC members: Lynette Leithead, Althea Chapman, Lynne Rutherford and Simon Pickard. The Secretary may attend for Minutes. The Standing Committee did not meet in 2025. A number of smaller but urgent decisions were made by email consultation with the PCC.

CHURCHWARDENS' FABRIC REPORTS FOR THE PARISH IN 2025

ST MARY'S SUNDRIDGE

We are most grateful to all who help to keep the Church well maintained, clean and polished, and to those who keep the building open 365 days a year! We have many visitors who come in to pray, light a candle, write a prayer or just sit quietly. Having the church open is much appreciated by many.

We are also very grateful to the bellringers who keep the bells and the ringing chamber in good order. In particular our thanks to Paul Brown who has done a lot of work helping to dismantle and reinstall the Tenor Bell Headstock which was cracked and needed repairing at the bell foundry. Paul is monitoring the repaired crack monthly. He has also done a large amount of work cleaning and repairing in the bell chamber.

We are grateful to our small band of Flower Arrangers under the leadership of Beryl Norman who make the church beautiful all year round. Nigel Belle has repaired several items in the church, Andy Cook climbs the ladder to change the light bulbs, John Banbrook has repaired and sorted out problems – we are very grateful to them and other volunteers who keep our beautiful church in such good order.

The Fabric Committee continues to look for funding/grants to complete phase 3 of the Waterloo project (to install a tea station to improve Café Sundridge facilities). Other current projects are to improve the lighting in the Tower Room, move the sound system into the Nave, repair the northside lychgate and put in a handrail on the slope leading to the War Memorial.

The Churchyard is in good order and many thanks to those who help to keep this large space looking beautiful. Special thanks to Andy Cook who has taken apart the compost area and removed all the plastics that had been left there. He has cleaned and cleared the whole area and made a considerable difference. The southside lychgate has been expertly repaired funded by The Friends.

The Memorial Stone engravings are up to date.

My thanks also go to my co-warden, Jo Rutter; and to Althea Chapman for her work and help, particularly with the churchyard, the organ and organists. Also our grateful thanks to Barbara Lockey who looks after the heating, the sound, the WiFi and so many other things.

Jane Belle

ST MARY'S IDE HILL

2025 was a busy year with the Faculty application for the toilet and tea station and the preparation of the inside of the church for the works to take place. The faculty was granted and we have worked closely with Thomas Ford and Partners to select contractors, get the required building permissions and work with Thames Water on drainage and water supply. The church has been closed since the end of October and building work started on November 10th. Although the project was completed in February 2026, and not in the scope of this APCM, we are delighted to report that we now have a beautiful tea station and disabled toilet in our church. The path has also been restored as part of the project.

As part of the preparation for the contractors to come in, we had a “declutter” and the beautiful Campbell family screen at the back of the church is now completely visible. It has made a huge difference to the interior look and feel of the church.

Our four memorial stones in the Memorial Garden have been cleaned and the names repainted. We have had positive feedback and thanks from family members. Our faculty for a fifth memorial stone was successful, and this has been installed.

All required inspections have been undertaken and the Logbook is up to date.

The graveyard extension project is ongoing, and at last, thanks to the perseverance of Jane Belle, it is now with Land Registry.

Thanks go to PJ Rutherford and Paul Meredith, who ensure that the Churchyard is mowed and decluttered on a regular basis, to the team of openers and closers who ensure that the church is open every day all year round, and the church cleaning team and the flowers team who keep our lovely church looking its best at all times.

To Peter Duke who manages the heating and the sound system, we also say thank you.

Lynne Rutherford

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2025

Area Dean: Rev Tim Edwards (Rector Knockholt & Halstead)

Lay Chairman: Brig. Ian Dobbie

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Fr Robin Jones

Standing Committee: John Colyer, Lela Weavers, Jane Belle.

There were two Synod meetings: one on 13th January at St Luke's Sevenoaks when the Bishop of Rochester visited. However, there was only four days' notice of this meeting, so few attended, and as I was unable to attend at such short notice and no minutes were circulated, I cannot report what the meeting discussed. There was a second meeting held in June at St Margaret's Underriver when the Archdeacon, Ven Nick Cornell spoke about his Christian life. Unfortunately, there is still no Deanery Secretary, so information and communications about the Deanery are sketchy.

Jane Belle (Standing Committee member Deanery Synod)

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2025

Safeguarding Sunday was marked in church services in November with prayers and reflections. Positive feedback I received after the service was appreciated.

Training has remained a priority

Safeguarding training for PCC members remains a priority. The commitment shown by the PCC members and Churchwardens to complete this is to be commended. 'Awareness of Domestic Abuse' training is being renewed.

Policies and Safeguarding statements

The House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church: Safeguarding Policy Statement' was re-adopted. The parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed.

Diana Pickard – Parish Safeguarding Officer, St Mary's Sundridge and Ide Hill with Toys Hill

OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS REPORT 2025

Fortnightly worship in both Ide Hill and Sundridge & Brasted schools continued until the summer break with the worship in Sundridge church being extended to parents and carers. Because we couldn't fit all the children from Ide Hill school into the church, we offered a few sessions of 'Godly Play' to the younger children. This is an imaginative, educational way of teaching children through hands-on play to explore bible stories and parables.

The Easter service for Sundridge & Brasted was held at Brasted church with the whole school using the church in the morning, with the service being well attended by parents and carers in the afternoon. Special thanks must go to the Stanhope Arms for allowing us to use their facilities and to Muriel and David Edgar for being on hand to mop up spillages and return the church to its 'Sunday' state afterwards.

We've attended biscuit making with hedgehog class and taken part in the regular termly sessions where villagers from the community are invited to 'fun and games sessions' where the pupils entertain us. These are fantastic opportunities for pupils to converse with people they don't know, ask questions, and learn from each other. We now have a core team of villagers from both Brasted and Sundridge who make these days happen.

Lynette and I ran a stall at the highly successful FOSBS (Friends of Sundridge & Brasted School) in the summer. This was a great community outreach and many people attended. Both schools held leavers' services in July and Sundridge held their harvest festival and Christingle service with parents and carers invited.

Sundridge & Brasted's Nativity service was held in Brasted church and Lynette was presented with some gifts and lovely cards from each of the classes as it was her last service with them. Lynette and I appreciate the Churchwardens who have given up their time to attend the church services and assemblies.

Barbara Lockey

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S SUNDRIDGE REPORT 2025

As has become a tradition, the Friends were pleased to offer mulled wine and mince pies to those attending the Ringing In event at noon on 1st January 2025. Bad weather was the order of the day, with gale force wind and driving rain, but those brave enough to venture out listened to the magnificent bells ringing out over the village of Sundridge, making it a memorable start to the New Year.

The 21st Annual General Meeting took place on Monday 24th March, followed by a talk from Bob Ogley on his latest book "The Story of Sundridge". There was an excellent turnout to listen to Bob's introduction to his very comprehensive book and he sold many copies which he also signed. The first draw of the 2025 Friends' 100 Club also took place, drawn by our Honorary President, Sir Michael Fallon. The event was successful in recruiting six new members to the Friends. Bob very generously offered to donate the profits from the book, after the expenses of publication, to The Friends of St Mary's Church and subsequently handed over a cheque for £1,100. The Friends are extremely grateful to him for this huge contribution to our funds.

On 12th May The Friends of St Mary's Church Sundridge and The Friends of Ide Hill Church collaborated in setting up gazebos, chairs and tables and providing refreshments for an Open Garden generously hosted by Bob and Fern Ogley in their magnificent garden at Brasted Chart. The event raised over £1000 which was split between the two churches.

A group of 15 members and friends travelled up to the City of London Guildhall on 11th September. We were given a very informative tour of different areas of the magnificent Great Hall and our guide gave us a fascinating insight into the history of the building, interspersed with anecdotes about some of the famous people who have been associated with the City of London from time immemorial. The group dispersed for coffee, lunch, exploring old haunts and, for one pair, visiting 7 City churches. A most enjoyable and illuminating visit enjoyed by all.

All those attending the Friends' Christmas Social on Monday 8th December enjoyed a very convivial evening. The raffle was extremely popular due to a fine selection of prizes and raised £200. Bob Ogley gave a short talk about his latest fascinating book – The Story of Knole Park – and he was happy to sign copies afterwards. The final draw of the year took place for the Friends' 100 Club and five lucky winners took away prizes of £200, £120, £80 and two of £50.

At their regular meetings, the Executive Committee plan future events and consider requests for support from the Rector and PCC. The Friends' are pleased to have met the cost of the repair to one of the church lychgates and are committed to paying for the repair of the second one in due course.

Kenneth Ludlam

Honorary Chairman - The Friends of St Mary's Church Sundridge

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLRINGERS REPORT 2025

Our year started with ringing in the New Year at midday. Mince pies and mulled wine supplied by the Friends of St Mary's were enjoyed whilst the bells were rung, followed by a short service to celebrate the bells.

During the refitting of the clappers on the number 5 and 6 bells in 2024 a crack was found in the headstock of the number 6 bell. During September 2025 Whites of Oxford came and removed the headstock and took it away for repair. This involved the opening of the trap door in the tower and lowering the headstock on chains. This was returned the following week and refitted by Whites. We received a grant towards the cost of this from KCACR.



Jo Rutter completed the ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) training to train new bellringers and is hoping to get a new recruit to join the team.

Maggie Amos who has rung for over twenty years at Sundridge and has been the Secretary/Treasurer for many years has moved away to join her family. The bellringers thank her for all of her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best for the next chapter in her life.

We continue to practice on Thursday evenings and ring for Sunday services when we are able. Anyone interested in visiting the tower or learning to ring please contact:

Rita Cox (Captain) 01732 750324

Joanne Rutter. 07738782135 jorutter@hotmail.co.uk

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S IDE HILL REPORT 2025

The purpose of The Friends is to strengthen the role of Ide Hill Church as an asset for the Church and the Community of Ide Hill for all to enjoy for generations to come.

This report covers the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

I would like to start by paying tribute to Anne Beasley who passed away in July 2025. Anne was our founding secretary and played a big role in getting the Faculty through for our project to install a toilet and tea station in the church. She also produced the beautiful booklets available in the church tracing the history of our lovely windows. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and his family. Anne is sadly missed by us all.

In February we held a Love Concert in collaboration with the Ide Hill Book Club. This brought a different audience into the church, raising more awareness of The Friends and the work we do. Music ranged from Adele's 'Make you feel my Love' to Puccini's 'O Mio Babbino Caro'. The music was interspersed with extracts from books that the Book Club had read, such as The Alchemist, Captain Corelli's Mandolin, Wolf Den and Still Life. The concert raised £1200 towards our project (known as Flushing Hill).

We held a garden party jointly with The Friends of St Mary's Sundridge, and thanks to the generosity of Fern and Bob Ogley who opened their beautiful garden to visitors we added to the funds of both Friends' charity accounts.

Once again we hosted a MacMillan Coffee morning in September, which brought many visitors into the church, most of whom stayed for the whole event, enjoying the coffee, cake and fellowship. We were pleased to be able to give £224 to MacMillan and this will be an annual event.

Ride and Stride, which raises money for Friends of Kent Churches was supported by The Friends in the form of providing refreshments for visitors to the church. Thanks to the efforts of our Riders and Striders, they raised almost £2000, of which 50% comes back to us. It was lovely to see the Toys Hill striders join in.

Thank you to the Ide Hill Community Shop who made a donation of £4250 towards project Flushing Hill. And to the Village Hall Trust who donated £600. We had very generous donations from members of our congregation who wish to remain anonymous and we really appreciate them.

We are grateful to Jane Wiltshire who managed to obtain grants from The Friends of Kent Churches and The Benefact Trust. So much work goes into the applications. Thank you Jane.

The church was closed from November 10th for the building works to take place, and I am delighted to say that the completion date of February 27th was achieved.

Thank you to Lynette for her support and trust in us. The support from the community and the members is also truly appreciated.

We have had 2 new Trustees join us – a warm welcome to Sarah Fribbens and Tom Niven. Thanks and appreciation go to Sally Bawn who has resigned as Trustee as she has moved away.

Lynne Rutherford (Chairman)

THE FLORENCE HARDING FUND - TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

Income for the year increased to £5,897 (2024: £5,639) as a result of higher interest rates. Payments of £571 were made for Bibles. In addition, a donation of £30,000 was made to the Ide Hill Flushing Hill project and £1,000 to the Sundridge & Brasted Primary School Voluntary Fund.

The Balance Sheet shows that General Fund has decreased to £173,235 (2024: £178,442) due to lower returns in the global stock markets.

The Accumulated Income Fund, available for distribution at the discretion of the Rector, Churchwardens and PCC, (comprising cash held in commercial bank accounts and in Diocesan loan accounts) has a balance of £19,268 (2024: £45,041) following £31,000 of significant 2025 donations.

The year-end valuation of the Florence Harding Fund has cash and investments to the value £192,604 as at the 31 December 2025 (2024: £223,485).

At the Florence Harding Trustees Committee meeting, following the Parish AGM, in April 2025 the Rector and Churchwardens were confirmed as Trustees. Mr Terry Corbett was appointed as Secretary, and Mr Julian Parkin was appointed Treasurer for 2025 but has requested to be replaced for the 2026 year and a new Treasurer is being identified

Julian Parkin - Treasurer

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT 2025

There were four synod meetings: March, July and two in November.

In March Bishop Jonathan welcomed new members, expressed gratitude to clergy and lay members for their efforts supporting the Church's mission during challenging years. He acknowledged the Church of England's failures in safeguarding and apologized for the impact on parish workers. He highlighted the encouraging increase in church attendance during Christmas and the growing interest among younger generations.

The Diocese's bid for £11.1 million from the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board was approved, enabling the implementation of the Diocesan Vision and Strategy, which focuses on growing missional churches, leaders, disciples, and revitalizing fragile churches. There are plans to seek further funding in 3 years. Recruitment for a Racial Justice Officer is planned to address diversity and racial justice issues.

Safeguarding: Bishop Jonathan reported on the Archbishops' Council and National Safeguarding Team discussions regarding concerns raised in December 2024. The Bishop encouraged prayers for wisdom, openness, and support for those affected by safeguarding failures. A new working group will define "safe and healthy culture," and create an action plan. The Diocese now has the Safeguarding Hub to assist parishes. The Parish Safeguarding Handbook is being updated and Parish Safeguarding Officers are being sought for a working group. A new safeguarding officer has been appointed.

Environment and Sustainability: The newly established Net Zero Team aims to help parishes achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 and promote eco-friendly practices. A Net Zero Action Plan has been actioned. Churches are encouraged to complete the Energy Footprint Tool. Boiler hardship grants are available for parishes. Future projects like solar panels, energy efficiency, and environmental awareness were discussed.

In July the Bishop reported on his June Zimbabwe visit, including participation in Bernard Mizeki Commemoration with 20,000 attendees. He highlighted Zimbabwe's challenges: poverty, underexploited land, limited natural resources benefits. The importance of partnership with Diocese of Harare and Rochester was emphasised. The Bishop praised Zimbabwean faith, and resilience during political exile (2007-2012) and advocated learning from ubuntu concepts, contrasting Western individualism, especially in debates like assisted dying.

Financial Reports for Diocese: 2024 results showed a surplus of £1.3m, with reserves of £82.15m. It was noted that a £1.4m deficit before investment gains and parish offers fell below budget (£705k shortfall). Clergy vacancies (18%) stipends (62%), ageing clergy, and the impact on parish life was reported. Other major costs are for parish support, and property maintenance (£1m for clergy housing). The need for increased parish contributions was emphasized for sustainability. Diocesan finances have been reviewed, including investments (£26.2m), assets (£82.15m). Highlighted was the importance of maintaining clergy numbers, rural ministry, and mission growth.

The November synod was held in the newly renovated church of St John's Chatham which has been totally transformed. It was closed for many years, but local people fought to have the church back in action. Grants were obtained, advice from the DAC given, and it has risen like a phoenix! It is amazing – go and have a look. A special synod about "Living in Love and Faith" took place also in November at St John's.

Jane Belle – Diocesan Synod Member, and Diocesan Advisory Committee Member

SUMMARY ACCOUNTS 2025

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £
		Unrestricted funds	Income funds	Endowment funds		
		£	£	£		
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Notes 5&6)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
CRF	B02	-	82,412	-	82,412	82,809
Investments (Note 5)	B03	-	-	112,957	112,957	117,275
Total fixed assets	B04	-	82,412	112,957	195,369	200,084
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 7)	B06	12,598	-	-	12,598	10,946
(Short term) investments	B07	15,750	-	-	15,750	15,000
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	B08	71,632	17,837	-	89,469	67,161
Total current assets	B09	99,980	17,837	-	117,817	93,107
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)	B10	32,432	900	-	33,332	1,321
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	67,548	16,937	-	84,485	91,786
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	67,548	99,349	112,957	279,854	291,870
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	B15	67,548	99,349	112,957	279,854	291,870
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds	B16	67,548			67,548	74,661
	B17					-
Restricted income funds	B18		99,349		99,349	99,934
Endowment funds (Note 11)	B19			112,957	112,957	117,275
Total funds	B20	67,548	99,349	112,957	279,854	291,870

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mrs P J F Belle	18.03.26



St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC			Charity No (if any)
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01.01.2025	To	Period end date

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-
Voluntary income	livings& giftaid,grants, gifts f	S01	45,949	5,882	
Activities for generating funds	ete, flower fes & Ride & Strid	S02	1,549		
Investment income		S03	894		2,987
Fees weddings and funerals and extras	church activities	S04	3,275	5,043	
Other incoming resources	Flushing Hill grants	S05		40,875	
Total incoming resources		S06	51,667	51,800	2,987
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)					
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-
Church activities	Offer,clergy costs,DBF	S07	25,898	2,030	
fund raising/admin costs	Mag,admin, presents for Ly	S08	1,560	1,765	
Church running costs	ilinsurance ,heating etc	S09	19,361		
Charitable activities	Mission giving donations	S10	30	2,058	
Repair and maintenance	including major work	S11	7,453	44,135	
Other resources expended	Churchyard	S12	10,966	2,000	
Total resources expended		S13	65,268	51,988	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		S14	- 13,601	- 188	2,987
Gross transfers between funds (church repair fund)		S15	5,739	2,752	- 2,987
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		S16	- 7,862	- 2,940	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets /Refunds		S18	750	2,355	- 4,318
Net movement in funds		S19	- 7,112	- 585	- 4,318
Total funds brought forward		S20	74,660	99,934	117,275
Total funds carried forward		S21	67,548	99,349	112,957

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Total this year	Total last year
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F04	F05

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51,831	54,871
1,549	1,556
3,881	3,889
8,318	11,383
40,875	1
106,454	71,700

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27,928	25,597
3,325	142
19,361	18,258
2,088	1,692
51,588	11,657
12,966	9,949
117,256	67,295
- 10,802	4,405
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Section B

Balance sheet

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Name	Date of approval
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill PCC**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements of the 2011 Act.

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.

Name of Examiner: Gary Davison

Signed



Address:

Poplars, Church Road, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 6AU

Date:

25th February 2026

ST MARYS SUNDRIDGE WITH IDE HILL AND TOYS HILL PCC

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The Parish of Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

The PCC oversees three centres of worship, St Mary's Sundridge, St Mary's Ide Hill and at Toys Hill the village hall licensed for worship.

Joint Services are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at St Mary's Sundridge and the 2nd and 4th Sundays at Ide Hill. A Holy Communion service is held at Toys Hill Hall on the 1st Sunday of the month.

There have been 6 baptisms, 4 weddings, 8 funerals, 3 burials, and 9 burials of ashes in the parish during the year, as well as one service at a crematorium.

All year, a rota of volunteers from the Friends has been opening and closing St Mary's Sundridge every day until dusk, with many appreciative responses in the visitors' book. St Mary's Ide Hill is also open every day, thanks to a dedicated team of openers and closers.

The PCC and parish continued to benefit from the wise and active ministry of the Reverend Lynette Leithead. In September, the PCC formally requested the Bishop Jonathan to extend her service in the parish to June 2025, with an option to continue in post up to June 2026

The second half of the year was much concerned with moving forward with plans to create a longer term relationship with the parish of Brasted, to replace the temporary arrangement of a shared part time incumbent serving the two parishes instituted in 2023. A joint meeting of the two PCCs with Archdeacon Sharon Copestake and the Assistant Archdeacon Nick Cornell was held in September, at which the archdeacons outlined the desirability of moving forward with a closer relationship between the two parishes, and some options for how this could be achieved.

In October, the PCC held a special meeting to discuss four models for the future, ranging from staying as we are to full unification into one parish. After a full discussion of the pros and cons of each option, the PCC supported the model of moving to a single benefice for the two parishes with a full-time incumbent, but with each parish to be managed by separate PCCs, as now. Thankfully this was in line with the preferred option of the Brasted PCC. At a second joint meeting of the PCCs in November, we were asked to decide on three issues. Firstly, the need for a full-time incumbent for the benefice was confirmed. Secondly, the choice between the rectories in Brasted and in Sundridge was discussed and the meeting selected the Sundridge Rectory as the accommodation and facilities on offer. Lastly, the formal name of the single benefice was to be Brasted & Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill. These decisions were passed back to the diocese for the next stages in the process of putting the benefice in place. At each stage, the PCCs and wider parish will be kept informed of progress and asked for input where appropriate.

The PCC continues to review and update safeguarding policies especially in the area of lone working. New risk assessments have also been put in place throughout the parish. See the separate Safeguarding Report.

The PCC has continued to pursue the use of the Glebe field at Ide Hill as an extension to the Churchyard for future burials. The main focus has been the need to negotiate with the National Trust access from the public pathway to the Glebe field site, between which the Trust owns a small piece of land. These discussions continue.

The PCC supported the development of plans and approvals for the 'Flushing Hill' project at Ide Hill, to build a toilet and tea station at the back of the church in the choir vestry. In November, the plans received final approval from the DAC, an important stage in implementation. See the Churchwardens' Fabric Report for more information.

As the PCC has been able to work on a more stable basis, we have reviewed and established a number of formal policies. These include:

Safeguarding Policies – renewed and displayed

Complaints Policy

Financial Reserves Policy

In addition, an audit of personal data was carried out, covering the PCC holding and use of personal data, and draft GDPR policies were prepared as a result.

The Parish Council raised with the PCC the possibility of selling off part of the land adjacent to Birchfield, which had previously been identified as possible expansion space for burials in the parish. As the plans for the extension of the Ide Hill graveyard are well advanced (see below) and the Sundridge churchyard has capacity, the PCC responded that they had no objection to the Parish Council's plans.

The diocese conducted a review of the Parish Offer system, including a consultation to which the PCC contributed a detailed questionnaire response. The main result of the review was the removal of the 'cap' on the requested offer, but that PCCs remained sovereign in deciding their Parish Offer. Our Parish Offer was £20,000 in 2024 and the PCC agreed to increase this to £25000 in 2025.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

The Rev Lynette with the support of an LLM and supporting Readers and ministers has maintained a full programme of services and celebrations across the parish. The major festivals brought a sunrise service at Easter and at Christmas a candle-lit carol service, a Christmas Tree carol service, and a Crib service, which were all well attended. There have been special services for ringing in the New Year, the Flower Festival, an Open Air service with animal friends, Harvest festivals, an Advent hymn service, Remembrance Sunday services and a joint 'Time to Remember' with Brasted, for those who have been bereaved.

Prayers for the Parish meetings, open to all, have met regularly, and there have been a number of Bible Babble get-togethers. The newly formed 'High Days and Holidays' parish choir have contributed splendidly to several events, under the leadership of Joanna Campbell and the training of Mary Byers. In November, the first of the monthly editions of Pew News was produced and distributed, listing services and other notable dates and news.

Members of the church have been a Church presence in Community activities including the Village Fair at Ide Hill and the August Bank Holiday and Christmas Fundraising Activities in Sundridge. We are grateful for the hard work of church members and both the Sundridge and Ide Hill "Friends of St Mary's" who have organised fundraising activities which have been open to community and church alike (See separate reports). At Harvest, donations from the church family meant that we were able to provide food bags to local families who were most in need in our schools and to local food banks. The Toys Hill community were touched and pleased by the Church's pledge of £500 towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall

Rev Lynette and Barbara Lockey have continued to go into the both Ide Hill and Sundridge schools to take Collective Worship throughout the year.

For most of the year (since April 2024), Forest Church has usually met at Toys Hill on the first Sunday in the month. At other times such as Harvest and Advent, it has joined the main Sunday service at Ide Hill. Forest Church has been forging links with the Morning Worship service at Ide Hill so now meets on the second Sunday of the month there.

Many thanks are due to the many volunteers and helpers who contribute massively to the mission and running of the churches – the readers, the flowers team, the bellringers, the organists, the locker-uppers, the cleaners, the working parties, the maintenance teams

Charities Supported

The PCC decided that the collections on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day would be shared between three chosen charities: Porchlight, Open Doors and the Sharp Memorial School for the blind. The total amount distributed was £900.

Porchlight are a lifeline to people who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental ill health, and social exclusion. They provide housing, education, and personal development to support the most vulnerable and isolated people in our communities.

Open Doors is a charity that is close to Rev Lynette's heart. It distributes bibles and resources, so that Christian believers can be nourished by God's word, it supports victims of violence and disaster so that they can live independent and fulfilled lives and brings hope to the Middle East so that Christians can live with dignity and hope.

Sharp Memorial School for the Blind lies in the foothills of the Himalayas and is the oldest school for the blind in India. It is a Christian Mission school for girls and boys of all casts and creeds. Our Reader, Ruth Barrow has a long connection with the school. In both Ide Hill and Sundridge church you will see the recent report from the Sharp school. Please do take time to read it and get to know it better.

The Remembrance Day donations of £526 was passed to the **Royal British Legion**.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2024

The accounts have been independently examined and summarised in the accompanying statement that has been approved by the Independent Examiner.

At the end of 2024 there was a surplus of £4405 which, when added to investment income of £6029, made a total surplus of £10434. Total reserves increased to £291870. Planned Giving remained substantially unchanged from 2023 but collections and donations increased by about £2000 and this may have been partly due to the installation of bank card readers at Sundridge & Ide Hill which recorded total giving of £1910. Most of the card donations were received outside of regular services. Gift Aid from HMRC and VAT from the LPWG Scheme has been claimed for the year and is included in the accounts. We were again pleased and grateful to receive a grant of £2000 from the Parish Council towards the cost of grass cutting in Sundridge Churchyard.

We have started to pay for the IH graveyard extension out of the IH Churchyard bank account. Since we are sharing the Parish Office in Sundridge with Brasted parish, it has been agreed that the two

parishes will share equally the costs of the office, and also those costs of the clergy that relate to both parishes. This has resulted in a payment to us of £1297 from Brasted in 2024. The PCC's offer to the Diocese of Rochester was £20,000 (up from £15,000 in 2023), and the nominated charities by the PCC received £1492.

The Treasurer is grateful to the Churchwardens and others who have made sure that our funds are utilised sensibly and prudently. I especially wish to thank Fiona Parkin, Simon Pickard, Ed Dixon and Phil Chapman for managing & banking the weekly collections and providing me with detailed documentation. Finally, on behalf of the PCC, thank you to Gary Davison, our Independent Examiner, who has kindly spent a considerable amount of his own time examining the PCC's accounts at no cost to the Parish.

GOVERNANCE

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) IN 2024 consisted of

Chair:	Reverend Lynette Leithead (Priest in Charge)
Vice-Chair and Churchwarden:	Jane Belle
Churchwardens:	Althea Chapman, Jane Rossi
Licensed Lay Minister:	Jane Rosam
Treasurer:	Robert Skone James
Secretary:	Terry Corbett (co-opted)
Elected Members	Simon Pickard, Barbara Lockey and (from April) Lynne Rutherford, Marilyn Page, Prue Seddon, Ginny Ashworth, Jo Rutter

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) meets every two months and has met six times this year and held two joint meetings with Brasted PCC. Reports from the treasurer, churchwardens and safeguarding officer have been received at every meeting.

This year has seen a welcome increase in the membership of the PCC, with five new elected members (one of whom was previously co-opted)

The Secretary would like to express his appreciation for the support and encouragement he has received from the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is a statutory PCC committee that may carry out some of the work of the PCC between meetings (e.g. if an urgent matter arises for which a full PCC Meeting cannot be called). The Standing Committee reports to the PCC. The size of a Standing Committee is dependent on the size of the parish Electoral Roll. The Minister is always an ex-officio member, and the PCC must appoint others from its own lay membership.

The Standing Committee in 2024 consisted of five PCC members: Lynette Leithead, Althea Chapman, Jane Rossi, Lynne Rutherford and Simon Pickard. The Secretary may attend for Minutes.

CHURCHWARDENS' FABRIC REPORT FOR THE PARISH IN 2024

ST MARY'S SUNDRIDGE

We are most grateful to all who help to keep the Church and Churchyard well maintained and to those who keep the building open 365 days a year!

The water stop-cock has been moved to an accessible site on the ground floor in the toilet and the ventilation pipe has been capped.

We are especially grateful to Peter Duke and Robin Mills who expertly mended 'Bertie' the boiler after the underground corroded iron piping had been replaced.

Emergency lighting for the Bell-Ringing Chamber, stairway and West porch doorway has been installed and is working well.

The oak doors to the Lady Chapel have been expertly repaired. Nigel Belle has repaired several small items in the church including the Organ lock to prevent access by unauthorised persons.

In addition to the CollectTin we now have a QR code for people to use for donations.

The Fabric Committee continues to look for funding/grants to complete phase 3 of the WaterLoo project (to install a tea station to improve Café Sundridge facilities) and the possibility of glazing in the Lady Chapel (in order to soundproof it).

Other current projects are to improve the lighting in the Tower Room, move the sound system into the Nave and repair the Lychgate.

The Churchyard is in good order and the Memorial Stone engravings are up to date.

ST MARY'S IDE HILL

We were fortunate not to have needed any major work done in or outside the church during the year, although we did require the lightening conductor to be re-earthed.

All required inspections have been undertaken and the Logbook is up to date.

The biggest project has been liaising with Thomas Ford and partners to have the necessary documentation so that we could apply to the DAC for permission to install a toilet and tea station at the back of the church. Said permission has now been granted and the paperwork for a faculty application is being prepared.

We have also received permission subject to no objections, for a 5th memorial stone to be erected in the Memorial Garden as there is no more room on the 4 existing stones.

The project to accurately map out the graves in the Churchyard is ongoing and almost complete, and thanks must go to PJ Rutherford for undertaking this huge task. The Book of Remembrance has been updated and engravings on the existing Memorial Stones are up to date.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2024

Area Dean: Rev Canon Anne le Bas until May when Rev Tim Edwards (Rector Knockholt & Halstead) was appointed Area Dean;

Lay Chairman: Brig. Ian Dobbie;

Secretary: Vacant;

Treasurer Fr Robin Jones.

Standing Committee: John Colyer, Lela Weavers, Jane Belle.

There was one Synod meeting in May held at Halstead Church, at which group work was undertaken to share ideas to encourage means of outreach. This occurred at a time when there was no Deanery Secretary and at a time when the new Area Dean was about to have a Sabbatical leading up to Christmas. There was therefore no further Deanery Synod meeting in 2024.

Jane Belle (*Standing Committee Member Deanery Synod*)

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2024

Safeguarding Sunday (17th November 2024) was marked in church services in November with prayers and reflections following the theme of ‘Let’s talk about it’.

Training has remained a priority.

Safeguarding training for PCC members is virtually up to date and the filling of gaps is scheduled.

Policies and Safeguarding statements

House of Bishops “promoting a Safer Church; Safeguarding Policy Statement” was re-adopted. The parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed. The focus is now on the development of a Loneworking Policy.

Diana Pickard – Parish Safeguarding Officer, St Mary’s Sundridge and Ide Hill with Toys Hill

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNDRIDGE REPORT 2024

The year started off with The Friends offering mulled wine and mince pies to those attending the Ringing In event at noon on New Year's Day.

During the year we held the AGM on 18th March which was followed by a Spring Social. In July, Jane Belle led a visit to two ancient churches in Sussex located at Icklesham and Winchelsea, followed by lunch. John Bailey very kindly conducted extremely informative tours of both buildings. We again hosted a stall at Funstock on 25th August and our year concluded with a Christmas Social. At both our social events we offered refreshments, a raffle and one of the draws for the 100 Club.

Members of the Friends of St Mary's continue to operate a rota for opening and closing the church; it is always heartening to read comments in the Visitors' Book indicating how pleased people are to find the church accessible.

The highlight of the year was the formation of the Friends' 100 Club and I would like to thank Gary Davison and Barbara Lockey for their hard work in setting this up.

I would also like to thank the Committee for all their hard work. Lindsay Hofman was invited to sit as a co-opted member and we are delighted she has agreed to do so again. Final thanks go to all our Members for their support throughout the year.

Kenneth Ludlam

Honorary Chairman – The Friends of St Mary's Church Sundridge

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLRINGERS REPORT 2024

Our year started with ringing in the New Year at midday.

A problem was discovered with the number five and six bells. The bushes on these two bells were found to be worn and needed to be replaced. A working party was organised to clean the tower prior to working on these bells. The clappers were removed and transported to Whites of Oxford. Whites returned and refitted the clappers, and also inspected the rest of the bells. Unfortunately they found that the number six bell headstock had a crack in it. We are at present getting quotes for this work to be carried out.

Ringing was suspended due to concerns over the lack of emergency lighting on the stairs and ringing chamber. This was temporarily resolved one month later by the use of torches on the stairs, and permanent emergency lighting has now been installed. Unfortunately during this time we had to cancel two groups of visiting ringers.

In June our evening practice was dedicated to 80 years since the D day landings. Paul tolled a bell 80 times.

We were delighted to ring for a wedding in the summer.

Tonbridge district monthly practice took place in our tower in September.
We provided tea and biscuits for this event.

Anyone interested in visiting the tower or learning to ring please contact
Rita Cox (Captain) 01732 750324
Joanne Rutter. 01959 565334
Maggie Amos. maggiemos43@yahoo.co.uk

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH IDE HILL REPORT 2024

I would like to start by remembering 2 of our founder members, Brook Marshall and Maggie Meredith, who both passed away in 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

We continue to raise awareness of The Friends, and to explore creative ways to welcome people who would not normally come into the church through various activities such as our annual Christmas Tree Festival, auction and music evening, followed by the now annual Christmas Tree carol service which is attended by nearly one hundred children and adults. The 2024 CTF raised an incredible £4492 ! Thanks must go to all the tree decorators, the performers, supporters, everyone who helped organise, and the sponsors, especially the Montreal Estate who hand picked the lovely trees from their estate.

In November we held a Quiz Night in the Village Hall which was attended by 87 quiz enthusiasts and which raised just over £2000. In September we hosted a MacMillan Coffee afternoon in the church, which was very well attended by members of the community. We were able to give £326 to MacMillan, and we are planning to do this again in 2025 as it raises funds for a worthy cause and at the same time creates awareness for The Friends.

We once again provided refreshments for Ride and Stride, which raised money for Friends of Kent Churches. Thanks to the efforts of Neil Arnott, Jane Rosam and Trudi Broughton and team, they raised a total of £2215, of which 50% comes back to us, giving St Mary's Ide Hill £1107. This year, we will be brainstorming how we can increase participation, especially amongst our young people.

Thank you to the Ide Hill Community Shop who generously made funds available for us to purchase a coffee machine from Kingdom Coffee, which uses fairtrade coffee. This now means we can provide a really good cup of coffee after church services, promoting fellowship – in fact we have noticed that members of the congregation stay a bit longer to have a second cup and great conversations with each other!

We are in a strong financial position and we can report progress on Project Flushing Hill (the installation of a toilet and tea station in the church). After some delay, we received approval from the DAC, for the toilet to be sited on the south side and the tea station on the north side. We are working with Architects Thomas Ford and have received drawings and a schedule of works. We are currently exploring drainage and water supply options, and we are pleased to report that the Faculty for the project has been submitted. Thank you to Anne Beasley for all your hard work on this. There is a lot of paperwork involved! Thank you also to Jane Wiltshire who has taken on the task of applying for grants once the Faculty is approved. We estimate the total cost of the project to be between £75 000 and £90 000, as long as there are no major issues with water supply. Once the Faculty has been approved we will start the consultation and communication process to ensure everyone is kept informed of progress.

Thank you to Lynette for her support and trust in us. The support from the community and the members is also truly appreciated.

To the Trustees, thank you for your wise counsel and enthusiasm. We are a great team.

Thank you

Lynne Rutherford
Chairman

THE FLORENCE HARDING FUND – TREASURER’S REPORT FOR 2024

Income for the year rose to £5,639.06 (2023: £5,056) as a result of higher interest rates. Payments of £406.33. were made for Bibles.

The Balance Sheet shows that General Fund has increased to £178,442.28 (2023: £174,369.39) due to higher returns in the global stock markets.

The Accumulated Income Fund, available for distribution at the discretion of the Florence Harding Trustees, (comprising cash held in commercial bank accounts and in Diocesan loan accounts) has a balance £45,042.65 (2023: £39,809.92).

The year-end valuation of the Florence Harding Fund has cash and investments to the value £223,484.93 as at the 31 December 2024 (2023: £214,179.31).

At the Florence Harding Trustees Committee meeting, following the Parish AGM, in April 2023 the Rector and Church Wardens were confirmed as Trustees. Mr Julian Parkin was appointed Treasurer for 2024 but has requested to be replaced for the 2025 year and a new Treasurer is being identified.

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT 2024

There were, as usual, two synod meetings, in June and December. Both discussed, heard reports and voted on various subjects – such as Finance, Safeguarding, etc. In December the Diocesan Vision & Strategy, drawn up by a team led by Claire Boxall, Head of Programmes, was adopted unanimously.

Also in December Bishop Jonathan made an unprecedented address in which he said (paraphrased) that “many of us are feeling like sheep without a shepherd given all that we are facing in both the Church and the wider world. With wars and rumours of wars in many parts of the world, the climate crisis, the rise of AI, and the impact of the internet on us and on our children.... Add to that everything else that is happening within the Church of England, following the publication of the Makin Review and the unprecedented resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, along with the uncertainty and anxiety on all sides connected with Living in Love and Faith, and it is not surprising that many of us may end up feeling harassed and helpless, when the spiritual leader of the Anglican Church has just stepped down..... We do need to respond to what has happened in the last few weeks, following the Makin Review, along with other reviews and reports in recent years which have revealed both personal and systemic failure in the life of the Church at every level. Evil has been covered up, the plight of victims and survivors has been played down or ignored, and this has felt like a betrayal not only of the victims of abuse but also those countless people, clergy and laity who have been working so hard at diocesan and parish level to improve the quality of safeguarding. For this reason I believe the Archbishop of Canterbury’s decision to resign was the right and honourable thing to do..... Later we will debate a motion of no confidence in the Archbishops’ Council over their handling of these issues.”

After some debate the vote was carried 51 for the motion of no confidence, 5 against, and 9 abstentions. I have attended many Diocesan Synod meetings but never one like this.

Jane Belle – Diocesan Synod Member, and DAC committee member.



St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC			Charity No (if any)	1173206	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01.01.2024	To	Period end date	31.12.2024	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	anned givings& giftaid, gran	S01	49,202	5,669		54,871	75,406
Activities for generating funds	te, flower fes & Ride & Stric	S02	1,556			1,556	1,836
Investment income		S03	971		2,918	3,889	3,564
Fees weddings and funerals and extras	church activities	S04	5,105	6,278		11,383	13,470
Other incoming resources	Insurance claim	S05		1		1	2,608
Total incoming resources		S06	56,834	11,948	2,918	71,700	96,884
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	Offer, clergy costs, DBF	S07	23,444	2,153		25,597	30,907
fund raising/admin costs	fete, Mag, admin	S08	142			142	1,099
Church running costs	ilnsurance ,heating etc	S09	18,258			18,258	11,910
Charitable activities	Mission giving donations	S10	200	1,492		1,692	828
Repair and maintenance	including major work	S11	7,520	4,137		11,657	32,694
Other resources expended	Churchyard	S12	5,550	4,399		9,949	7,995
Total resources expended		S13	55,114	12,182	-	67,295	85,433
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		S14	1,720	- 234	2,918	4,405	11,451
Gross transfers between funds(church repair fund)		S15	5,105	- 2,187	- 2,918		-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		S16	6,825	- 2,421	-	4,405	11,451
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets /Refunds		S18	375	2,798	2,856	6,029	12,187
Net movement in funds		S19	7,200	377	2,856	10,434	23,638
Total funds brought forward		S20	67,460	99,557	114,419	281,436	
Total funds carried forward		S21	74,660	99,934	117,275	291,870	281,436

Section B Balance sheet

		Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	(Notes 5&6)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
CRF		B02	-	82,809		82,809	82,198
Investments	(Note 5)	B03	-		117,275	117,275	114,419
Total fixed assets		B04	-	82,809	117,275	200,084	196,617
Current assets							
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 7)	B06	10,946		-	10,946	14,491
(Short term) investments		B07	15,000		-	15,000	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)		B08	49,136	18,025	-	67,161	61,611
Total current assets		B09	75,082	18,025	-	93,107	86,102
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 8)	B10	421	900	-	1,321	1,283
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	74,661	17,125	-	91,786	84,819
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	74,661	99,934	117,275	291,870	281,436
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		B15	74,661	99,934	117,275	291,870	281,436
Funds of the Charity							
Unrestricted funds		B16	74,661			74,661	67,460
		B17					-
Restricted income funds		B18		99,934		99,934	99,557
Endowment funds (Note 11)		B19			117,275	117,275	114,419
Total funds		B20	74,661	99,934	117,275	291,870	281,436
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees							
			Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
					Rev Lynette Leithead		

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 1 Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting:

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. the financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's , and with Regulations "true and fair view" , it is also the first year they have been prepared under FRS102(2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of Statement of recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102). These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with*

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 Accounting Standards;
- or

 Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards"; ✓
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	not applicable
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	not applicable
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	

not applicable

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)9a) and © of Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statement
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

Section C		Notes to the accounts	
Note 3 (sheet1)		Analysis of incoming resources	
Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.			
	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Planned giving SO1	26,087	26350
	Tax recoverable SO1	8,955	8222
	Grants for Waterloo 2 project SO1		22000
	LPWG SO1	1,417	4782
	Legacy SO1	3,000	1000
	Recurring grants grass cutting SO1	2,000	2000
	Diocese re Rectory Office SO1		1000
	Donations restricted SO1	47	2260
	Donations unrestricted SO1	6,402	4453
	Collections restricted SO1	1,559	790
	Collections unrestricted SO1	4,109	4080
	Brasted Share of running costs SO1	1,297	304
	Insurance claim SO5		2,608
	Total	54,873	79,849
Activities for generating funds	Fete and flower festival SO2	448	
	Ride & Stride	1,108	
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		Total	1,556
Investment income	Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund SO3	2918	2,873
	Interest from deposit accounts SO3	971	691
		-	-
		-	-
		Total	3,889
Incoming resources from church activities	Statutory Fees, weddings, funerals SO4	5105	8,636
	Supplimentary fees & DBF SO4	6278	4,834
		-	-
Total income	Total	71,700	96,883

Section C
Notes to the accounts
(cont)
Note 4
Analysis of resources expended

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Church Activities	Offer Diocese of Rochester & DBF	22,243	16,867
	Clergy expenses & Rectory not included below	3,354	5,820
	Offer & Clergy Costs S07	25,597	22,687
	Admin costs S08	142	1,099
	Church utilities S09	4,359	3,840
	Church insurance S09	8,442	8,069
	Church running expenses S09	5,657	8,220
	Insurance Heating etc	18,458	20,129
	Churchyard S12	9,949	7,995
	Maintenance S11	9,979	2,983
	Major works S11	1,678	29,711
	Maintenance and major works	11,657	32,694
	Total	65,803	84,604
Raising Funds		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Donations to support wider mission work and charities outside the parish	Sharp memorial school for blind girls S10	300	266
	Porchlight Kent homeless people S10	300	266
	Open Doors S10	300	266
	Friends of Rochester Cathedral S10	20	20
	Friends of kent Churches S10	10	10
	Other		
	Royal British Legion S10	562.26	
	Total	1,492	828
Governance costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	67,296	85,432

Section C Note 5

Analysis of investments - permanent endowment funds (PE)

CBF Funds

Sundridge Plender [churchyard and grave] a/c CB3013652
 Sundridge Drabble [churchyard and grave] a/c CB3013653
 Ide Hill Porter Endowment [benefice income] a/c CB3013747
 Ide Hill Porter [churchyard and grave] a/c CB3013707
 Ide Hill Ven Gray [churchyard and grave] a/c CB3013625
 Ide Hill General a/c CB3033048
 Ide Hill Goathurst Mission [fabric] a/c CB3013745 div reinvested
 Ide Hill Fabric a/c cb3032940
 Bishop Porteous CB3013760

Other investments

Ide Hill Churchyard Daisy Smith bequest

Total investments

Note 6 Church repair funds - restricted income funds

Sundridge

Balance as at 1 January
 Contribution from general fund
 Interest
 Debit
 Balance as at 31 December

Ide Hill

Balance as at 1 January
 Contribution from general fund
 Interest
 Debit
 Balance as at 31 December

Total church repair funds

Units	10.2 Market value at year end £	10.2 Market value at prior year end £
376	8,694	8,500
302	6,983	6,827
2,975	68,790	67,251
328	7,584	7,415
254	5,873	5,742
186	4,301	4,205
271	7,428	7,069
136	3,145	3,074
93	2,142	2,094
	2,335	2,245
	117,275	114,420
	10 Value at year end £	10 Value at prior year end £
	38,338	36,065
	1,250	2,075
	1,275	1,068
	- 3,519	- 870
	37,344	38,338
	43,860	41,939
	700	700
	1,523	1,221
	- 618	-
	45,465	43,860
	82,809	82,198

Section C (sheet 2)

Notes 7

Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due		Amounts falling due after	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Inland Revenue gift aid tax reclaim & VAT	8954.88	8,222	-	-
Other debtors	1990.76	6,269	-	-
Total	10,946	14,491	-	-

Note 8

Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

8.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due		Amounts falling due after	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Amounts owing to charities	900	798	-	-
Trade creditors			-	-
Other creditors	421	485	-	-
Total	1,321	1,283	-	-

Note 9

Cash

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Unrestricted funds held at HSBC

Treasurer current account and cash in hand

No 1 money manager account 3752

No 2 Money Manager account 1379

NSW Community Account

Cambridge & Counties 12month notice savings account

Unrestricted funds held with Diocesan

Total unrestricted

Restricted funds held at HSBC

No 2 money manager account - IH Churchyard fund 3760

No 3 money manager Account Sundridge fabric 1387

total restricted

Total cash at bank and in hand

10.2 Funds at year end £	10.2 Funds at prior year end £
12843.88	11,874
34161.61	25,536
2130.53	6,044
15000	10,000
64,136	53,454
8326.84	9,832
9698.45	8,325
18,025	18,157
82,161	71,611

Note 10 Transfers

Transfers between funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Church Repair Funds transfer	- 1,950	1,950		-	-
Transferred out of CRFs	4,137	- 4,137			
Funds used from capital works & net movement in funds supported by					-
Interest transferred to current	2,918		- 2,918		
Total Funds	5,105	- 2,187	- 2,918	-	-

Note 11 Endowment and restricted income funds

11.1 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Sundridge Plender	8,500	-	-	-	195	8,694
Sundridge Drabble	6,827				156	6,983
Ide Hill Porter	67,251				1,539	68,790
Ide Hill Porter	7,415				170	7,584
Ide Hill Ven Gray	5,742				131	5,873
Ide Hill General a/c	4,205				96	4,301
Ide Hill Goathurst	7,069				360	7,428
Ide Hill Fabric	3,074				71	3,145
					-	
Daisy Smith IH bequest	2,245				90	2,335
Bishop Porteous	2,094				48	2,142
		-	-	-		
Total Funds	114,419	-	-	-	2,856	117,275

These Accounts approved by the PCC on:

L. Leithhead ✓

And signed on their behalf by ^{REV. L. LEITHHEAD}
~~Jane Belle~~ (PCC ~~Vice~~ Chair):

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill PCC**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements of the 2011 Act.

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.

Name of Examiner: Gary Davison

Signed



Address: Poplars, Church Road, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 6AU

Date: 25th February 2025

ST MARYS SUNDRIDGE WITH IDE HILL AND TOYS HILL PCC

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The Parish of Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

The PCC oversees three centres of worship, St Mary's Sundridge, St Mary's Ide Hill and at Toys Hill the village hall licensed for worship.

Joint Services are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at St Mary's Sundridge and the 2nd and 4th Sundays at Ide Hill. A Holy Communion service is held at Toys Hill Hall on the 1st Sunday of the month.

There has been 1 baptism, 2 weddings, 13 funerals and 4 burials of ashes in the parish during the year, as well as 3 services at crematoriums.

From May a rota of volunteers from the Friends has been opening and closing St Mary's Sundridge every day until dusk, with many appreciative responses in the visitors' book.

Due to the Rector's long-term illness, compassionate leave after the tragic death of her husband Trevor, and subsequent resignation, she had not been in attendance in the first six months of the year.

The first half of the last year continued to be a particularly difficult and painful time in the life of the parish. Consequently, for the first six months of the year, the main aims and objectives of PCC have been to work with the Archdeacon in finding a way forward for the parish and to allow space for healing.

Joint meetings with the PCC of St Martin's Brasted took place to explore the possibilities of the two parishes sharing one incumbent for a trial period. Having agreed to this as a possible way forward, the position of Interim Priest in Charge was advertised. In May 2023, the PCCs agreed the appointment of Rev Lynette Leithead as Interim Priest in Charge of both the Parish of Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill and St Martin's Brasted. She was Licensed and Instituted at a joint parish service on 13th June at St Martin's. The Right Reverend Simon Burton Jones and the Archdeacon, The Venerable Sharon Copestake officiated at the service. The PCC has also agreed to and welcomed the appointment of Jane Rosam as Licensed Lay Minister to this parish and to St Martin's Brasted. She was licensed by The Venerable Sharon Copestake in a service at Ide Hill in September. The formal licensing of Jane Rosam and particularly the arrival of the Reverend Lynette Leithead has brought a stability to our church community.

In August an Extraordinary Joint PCC meeting was called in which a resolution was passed to
"request that the Bishop authorise the parishes [of Sundridge and Ide Hill with Toys Hill and St

Martin's Brasted] to act as one with the regard to the celebration of Holy Communion as required by Canon B14 on a regular basis for the period of time for which the present Priest in Charge remains." This request was subsequently granted by Bishop Jonathan.

The PCC continues to review and update safeguarding policies especially in the area of lone working. New risk assessments have also been put in place throughout the parish. See the separate Safeguarding Report.

The PCC has looked at the graveyards to see what available space remains for future burials. There are an estimated 80 plots at Sundridge and approximately 10 at Ide Hill. The PCC continues to pursue permission for the use of part of the Glebe field at Ide Hill as an extension to the Churchyard. The PCC continues to work with the Parish Council as regards their contribution to the upkeep of the graveyards.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

In spite of the difficulties, there has been much to give thanks for in the past year. Members of the church have been a Church presence in Community activities including the Village Fair at Ide Hill and the August Bank Holiday and Christmas Sundridge Activities in Sundridge. Festival Services in all the churches have been well attended with an increase in numbers across the parish with the Crib service at Toys Hill being standing room only! We are grateful for the hard work of church members and both the Sundridge and Ide Hill "Friends of St Mary's" who have organised fundraising activities which have been open to community and church alike (See separate reports). At Christmas, donations from the church family meant that we were able to provide gifts and food bags to ten families who were most in need in our schools. Additional funds were given from earmarked donations towards the setting up of a much-needed multisensory room in Sundridge and Brasted School.

Our schools remain very important and, thanks to a small but dedicated group of people we have worked hard to build relationships with them and the children. We continue to welcome the children, staff and any parents to the schools' Collective Worship in the churches at Ide Hill and Sundridge. This takes place every two weeks.

Forest Church, particularly popular with our younger parishioners, has met 10 times in the last year in Sundridge, Ide Hill and Toys Hill, when appropriate joining in with a main service at Church festivals. Throughout 2023, FC has met in all weathers. It's always been fun and occasionally freezing. Activities in the first half of the year included toasting marshmallows, making hazel crosses, walking with Pedro the donkey, Easter baskets and an egg hunt at Ide Hill, making crowns for the Coronation Big Lunch and an open-air service [with](#) Rev Lynette. The sheep Charles and Camilla illustrated the parable of the lost sheep with Jane Rosam. At the summer party in July, we received good news of the progress of Bluey, the sponsored cuckoo, on his migration journey. The Harvest festival featured the importance of soil to plants and animals, and on Remembrance Sunday 'windmill poppies' and leafy stained glass window hangings were made. Joining the Christmas Tree service at Ide Hill provided a sticky time!

Many thanks are due to the many volunteers and helpers who contribute massively to the mission and running of the churches – the readers, the flowers team, the bellringers, the organists, the locker-uppers, the cleaners, the working parties, the maintenance teams.

Charities Supported

The PCC decided that the collections on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day would be shared between three chosen charities: Porchlight, Open Doors and the Sharp Memorial School for the blind. The total amount distributed was £828.

Porchlight are a lifeline to people who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental ill health, and social exclusion. They provide housing, education, and personal development to support the most vulnerable and isolated people in our communities.

Open Doors is a charity that is close to Rev Lynette's heart. It distributes bibles and resources, so that Christian believers can be nourished by God's word, it supports victims of violence and disaster so that they can live independent and fulfilled lives and brings hope to the Middle East so that Christians can live with dignity and hope.

Sharp Memorial School for the Blind lies in the foothills of the Himalayas and is the oldest school for the blind in India. It is a Christian Mission school for girls and boys of all casts and creeds. Our Reader, Ruth Barrow has a long connection with the school. In both Ide Hill and Sundridge church you will see the recent report from the Sharp school. Please do take time to read it and get to know it better.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

The accounts have been independently examined and summarised in the accompanying statement that has been approved by the Independent Examiner.

At the end of 2023 there was a surplus of about £8500 which, when added to investment income of £2873, made a total surplus of £11,451. Total reserves increased to £281,000. Planned Giving reduced by about £1000 due to some of our long serving givers passing away or moving. This was balanced by an increase of about £1000 in *ad hoc* donations and collections. Gift Aid from HMRC and VAT from the LPWG Scheme has been claimed for the year and is included in the accounts. The PCC's offer to the Diocese of Rochester was £15,000 (down from £20,000 in 2022), and the nominated charities by the PCC received £828.00.

The Waterloo 2 project at St Mary's Sundridge, although paid for through, and thus included in, the Church accounts, was entirely financed by grants and donations including a significant donation from the Friends of St Mary's, Sundridge. Since we are sharing the Parish Office in Sundridge with Brasted parish, it has been agreed that the two parishes will share equally the costs of the office, and also those costs of the clergy that relate to both parishes. This has resulted in a payment to us of £304 from Brasted in 2023. The PCC would also like to thank the Diocese for their generous grant (£1000) towards the office refurbishment.

The PCC is grateful to the Churchwardens and others who have made sure that our funds are utilised sensibly and prudently. Special thanks are due to Fiona Parkin, Simon Pickard, Ed Dixon and Phil Chapman for managing & banking the weekly collections and providing the Treasurer with detailed documentation. Finally, on behalf of the PCC, thank you to Julian Parkin our Independent Examiner who has kindly spent a considerable amount of his own time examining the PCC's accounts at no cost to the Parish.

GOVERNANCE

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) consists of

Chair:	Reverend Lynette Leithead (Priest in Charge)
Vice-Chair and Churchwarden:	Jane Belle
Churchwardens:	Althea Chapman, Jane Rossi
Licensed Lay Minister:	Jane Rosam
Treasurer:	Robert Skone James
Secretary:	Terry Corbett (ex officio)

Elected Members
Co-opted member

**Simon Pickard, Barbara Lockett,
Lynne Rutherford**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) meets every two months and has met 6 times this year with one Extraordinary PCC meeting to elect Jane Belle and Jane Rossi as new Churchwardens for the parish. Reports from the treasurer, churchwardens and safeguarding officer have been received at every meeting. A standing committee was also elected.

The Secretary would like to express his appreciation for the welcome, support and encouragement he has received from the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is a statutory PCC committee that may carry out some of the work of the PCC between meetings (e.g. if an urgent matter arises for which a full PCC Meeting cannot be called). The Standing Committee reports to the PCC. The size of a Standing Committee is dependent on the size of the parish Electoral Roll. The Minister is always an ex-officio member, and the PCC must appoint others from its own lay membership.

The Standing Committee currently consists of five PCC members: Lynette Leithead, Althea Chapman, Jane Rossi, Lynne Rutherford and Simon Pickard. The Secretary may attend for Minutes

CHURCHWARDENS' FABRIC REPORT FOR THE PARISH 2023

WiFi has been introduced into both Sundridge and Ide Hill Churches and money collection machines are now operational. At Ide Hill we express our thanks to all those involved, especially Peter Wade, Anne Beasley and Robert Scone James. In Sundridge we are very grateful for the co-operation of our neighbours and all those who have been involved in this project.

The Quinquennial Inspection for Sundridge took place on 13 April 2023 by John Bailey. Apart from the problem of water ingress into the South West corner of the Nave which came under the urgent category, the report was highly complimentary about the care taken over the past 25 years to ensure that this Grade 1 Listed building was in such a good state of repair.

The water ingress was rectified with a new drainage system at the South West corner outside the church and was mostly paid for by insurance.

As always we are very grateful for the help, dedication and expert advice freely given by Peter Duke, Robin Mills and Barbara Lockey for keeping Bertie the Boiler going.

WaterLoo Phase 2 was completed in November. Many thanks go to Paul Brown who removed the rear 3 North pews and the associated timber flooring. Sale of these pews and flooring raised £760. The Font was re-sited to the North West Nave with new stone octagonal surrounding the Font and black corner tiles to delineate the Baptistry area. The rest of the area was finished in reclaimed tiles to match the existing. We are immensely grateful to The Friends of St Mary's Sundridge for the funding of this project and to the Fabric Committee for overseeing the work. The area at the West end created a communal area and is now used for Church Café, etc.

The Churchyard at Sundridge is well maintained and we are grateful to all those involved.

At Ide Hill the project 'Flushing Hill' is coming on apace. The Friends of Ide Hill Church are planning to build a toilet and tea station at the back of the church in the choir vestry. Preliminary plans have been drawn, with two options, by the architect. We are waiting for a site visit by the DAC for approval. If this is granted then the project can proceed to the next stage seeking PCC approval and financial grants.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported Ide Hill church during the year. There are too many to name but especial thanks must go to Lynne and PJ Rutherford and Peter Duke - the church simply would not 'function' without their involvement in the everyday life of our church.

The Churchwardens

Althea Chapman, Jane Belle, Jane Rossi

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2023

Area Dean: Rev Canon Anne le Bas; Lay Chairman: Brig. Ian Dobbie; Secretary: Michael Conacher; Treasurer Fr Robin Jones. Standing Committee members: John Colyer, Lela Weavers, Jane Belle.

In May Michael Conacher retired as Secretary after 10 years of loyal and devoted service. There is currently no Deanery Secretary. There were two Synod meetings; one in May at Chevening Church, the guest speaker was Karen Senior, Warden of Lay Ministry for Rochester Diocese and the first Warden of Lay Ministry to be appointed in the UK. Greta Wakeham, a Lay Minister at Seal St Lawrence spoke about her own experiences and training. The CofE estimates that 30,000 new Lay Ministry trained people need to be found. Rev Tim Edwards had already presented a report on General Synod, there being no questions, he updated Synod about subsequent developments, especially about Living in Love and Faith, Pastoral Guidance and Pastoral Reassurance. Brig Ian Dobbie commented that he thinks the church is in a crisis – some churches delaying payment of the Parish Share pending the outcome of the Living and loving in Faith debate, some ordinands have delayed completion of their training and some people have already left the CofE. Pastoral Matters were reported and it was announced that Rev Lynette Leithead had been appointed Priest in Charge for both Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill, and Brasted. Synod members appointed in 2023 will serve for 3 years.

Rev Mark Bridgen welcomed the November Synod at Kippington Church and spoke about the new Ukrainian congregation beginning there. Report from General Synod was given by Rev Tim Edwards and Jane Rosam. Both agreed that Synod was very divided about Love and Faith, the meeting had been exhausting and at times toxic. The Bishop of Newcastle has taken over steering the LLF process. Synod spent time in small groups discussing their hopes fears and thoughts on the LLF process. Rev Tim Edwards was appointed to the Standing Committee. Rev Canon Anne le Bas announced that she will be retiring in July 2024 which will create a vacancy at St Peter & St Paul, Seal. It is hoped that a new Area Dean will be appointed before that date so that a constructive hand-over can take place.

Jane Belle (*Standing Committee member Deanery Synod*)

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2023

Safeguarding Sunday (19th November 2023) was marked in church services in November with prayers and reflections.

Training has remained a priority.

Safeguarding training for PCC members is virtually up to date and the filling of gaps is scheduled.

Policies and Safeguarding statements

The House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church: Safeguarding Policy Statement' was re-adopted, the Parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed and approved, and both were displayed in the churches.

Diana Pickard – Parish Safeguarding Officer, St Mary's Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNDRIDGE REPORT 2023

The Friends have had another active year since the last AGM with the Coronation event on 7th May, followed by a visit to the Biggin Hill Memorial Museum and Chapel and a talk by Bob Ogley on 18th May. We enjoyed the sun and the rain on 12th July at Spring Shaw for Afternoon Tea and an opportunity to view the gardens. On Sunday 27th August the Friends participated in Funstock held on Coronation Garden. The final event of the year was held on 28th November with a visit to Westerham Brewery for a tour and beer tasting. These events raised £1913 which, together with subscriptions, Gift Aid and interest totalled £4293. I would like to thank all the Members who were contributed to fund-raising during the year.

In terms of support for the Church, The Friends have financed new bell ropes and the installation of a fixed wi-fi system. The Friends contributed £10,000 to the recent removal of the pews, the moving of the font and the new flooring. In total the Friends have contributed £11,453 towards projects completed during the year. The purpose of the Friends of St Mary's is to help maintain and enhance the fabric of the church. This is achieved through meeting funding requests from the PCC who prioritise the projects.

A rota of volunteers from The Friends has enabled the church to be opened on a daily basis, supporting the Church Wardens in providing access for many visitors and resulting in a number of positive comments left in the Visitors' Book.

Our new fund-raising initiative organised by Gary Davison and Barbara Lockey was launched in December 2023. We have formed a "Friends 100 Club", only open to the membership of The Friends, and anticipate selling 100 tickets at £20 each, thereby raising £2,000. Half of this will go towards Church projects and the other half will be distributed as prizes at quarterly draws. The first of these will take place at the AGM in March 2024.

We are delighted that Sir Michael Fallon has agreed to continue as President of The Friends and I'm very pleased to inform you that Sir David Milman, who was Chairman from the inception of the organisation in 2004 until 2017, has accepted an invitation to become Honorary Vice-President. My sincere thanks go to all the committee and members for their support over the last year.

Kenneth Ludlam
Chair, Friends of St Mary's Sundridge

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLRINGERS REPORT 2023

The new year began with ringing in the New Year at midday on New Year's Day.

At the end of January, visiting ringers attempted and achieved ringing a peal.

We were able to ring for Commonwealth Day, and 10 years since the signing of the Commonwealth Charter.

The Friends of St. Mary's very kindly offered to buy a new set of bell ropes, for which we are very grateful. These were ordered in March and delivered in September.

On 6th May we were very pleased to be able to ring for the coronation of King Charles, and on the following day, Sunday celebration day.

The work on the bushes on two of the bells is still outstanding and will, hopefully, be completed this year.

Joanne recently went on a course to learn how to teach bell handling, and is putting her skills into practice with the newer members of our tower.

The issue of emergency lighting in the ringing room and on stairs is still an ongoing concern, particularly for our older members, as suddenly losing light when ringing or when walking downstairs could lead to serious accidents.

Anyone interested in visiting the tower, or learning to ring please contact
Rita Cox (captain) 01732650324,
Joanne Rutter 01959 565334
maggieamos43@yahoo.co.uk

NB: Please note that since receipt of this report, the emergency lighting is under review and the Sundridge Church Tower is closed to bellringers until this is resolved.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH IDE HILL REPORT 2023

This report covers the period from 1 January 2023 to 31st December 2023, and this is our first official report since becoming a registered charity in October 2022. Our Charity registration number is 1200715.

Since our last report in 2023, one of our trustees, Dave Upton, resigned due to work and family commitments. I would like to thank all our current trustees, who remain the same as last year, for their incredible support and contribution to furthering the aims of The Friends. As a reminder, our strategic purpose still remains ***to strengthen the role of Ide Hill Church as an asset for the Church and the Community of Ide Hill.***

Over the past year we held various events to raise funds and to raise awareness. In April 2023 we held a barn dance in the Village Hall. The purpose of this event was to involve the community and to create awareness of The Friends. It was a huge success, and children and grownups of all ages danced the evening away. Although not a fundraiser, we still made a profit of £150! In June we held a summer concert called The Celli Vecchi, which was the brainchild of Jennie Brown, our resident professional cellist, who pulled together a quartet of professional cellists as well as local pianist Fiona Worthy. This evening of wonderful music raised a further £750 for the Friends.

In October we held the Great Ide Hill Bake off, which was organised by local resident Sharon Taylor who gave so generously of her time. It was a resounding success and we raised almost £400!

In December we held our annual Christmas Tree Festival Concert and Auction, and once again this event, which involves the whole community, raised £2766. Thanks must go to all our generous sponsors, and special mention for The Montreal Estate, who supplied us with their locally grown Christmas trees.

We also received a very generous donation of £2000 from the Cross Campbell Charitable Trust in memory of Angela Cross/Campbell and we will liaise with the Trustees to ensure that her memory is honoured.

Thanks must go to Treasurer Debbie Seaton, who has registered us with HMRC, enabling us to receive our first Gift Aid claim.

Given our aim of ensuring that our church building is accessible to all, we are delighted to report that the preliminary plans have now been drawn up for an accessible toilet and a tea station. Progress on this is subject to DAC approval, which at the time of writing this report is scheduled for April 9th, and public consultation, which will take place once approval has been obtained from the Diocese and the budget approved by the PCC.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters, we are in a strong financial position to start to apply for grants for our project, which is aptly named "Project Flushing Hill".

We have created a stakeholder map in order to manage concerns and expectations around the proposed improvements to the building and once all the approvals mentioned have been obtained, we will start the communication process.

Lynne Rutherford
Chairman

Trustees: Lynne Rutherford (Chairman); Debbie Seaton (Treasurer); Anne Beasley (Secretary); Elizabeth Denbigh, Andrew Scott, Jane Belle; Jane Rossi, Sally Bawn

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT FOR 2023

In MARCH reports were received from General Synod, Environment & Sustainability, Children & Young People's Fund, Safeguarding, Generous Giving during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, a presentation from the Archdeacons was given about "Sharing Good News".

In JUNE Bishop Jonathan said that he was grateful for the welcome and for all that he had seen across this marvellously rich and varied Diocese during his first year. Many churches have faced major challenges, the fall in church attendance since the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis. The CofE as a whole is dealing with a number of very difficult issues including the disbanding the Independent Safeguarding Board by the Archbishops' Council. However, the Diocese is utterly committed to the best possible standards in safeguarding, supporting, and working with victims and survivors, and making churches the safest, healthiest places they can be; guidance was given on Lone working. The Bishop emphasised: **Change** is about God changing us so that he can bless us and use us to bless others. **Serve** is about an attitude of heart and mind that affects how we relate to one another. **Grow** is about learning how to be more intentional about making disciples and bringing more people, including younger and more diverse people, to faith in Jesus Christ.

Rev Trudi Oliver, Vicar in Gravesend and Chaplain at St George's CE School, reported on her role as Young Vocations Adviser. She concluded by leaving Synod three questions to consider: -1. How many of you regularly have broader vocational conversations with 14-25yr olds? 2. How many of you are confident talking to young people about vocations? 3. What can we do as a Vocations Team, to help?

In NOVEMBER The Bishop spoke about major challenges our world is facing; wars in Gaza and Ukraine, climate crisis, and potential threats posed by Artificial Intelligence. He spoke about the Anglican Hospital in Gaza and the statement from the CofE calling for an end to violence on all sides. He reminded us to act as stewards of the world that God has entrusted to us. Concerning the rise of Artificial Intelligence, he quoted Elon Musk who said 'there will be a growing need to help people discover meaning in the brave new world that is coming upon us' - and that, the Bishop said, is very much the business of the Christian faith.

On the subject of Living in Love and Faith, the Bishop said that his statement had been met with dismay and anger by many people, as well as a significant number of positive messages from others. He regretted the hurt and pain caused and was grateful to representatives from the LGBTQI+ communities for meeting with his request to begin to work together. The House of Bishops' proposals have upset everyone – some for not going far enough and for others going too far. The Bishop explained that there are two fundamentally incompatible visions of human life before God: one is rooted in the understanding of marriage as a lifelong union between a man and a woman, with this as God's intended place for sexual relations. The other is rooted in an understanding that human beings, regardless of their gender, should be able to enter into life-long, faithful relationships, which can have the same character as has been traditionally seen in heterosexual marriage. After six long years of study, these two groups may understand each other better, but are no nearer to finding common ground or being able to agree on a consensus; they fail to do what was promised, which was to bring together in one package the three elements of the Prayers of Love and Faith, the Pastoral Guidance (including whether clergy can enter into same-sex marriage) and Pastoral Reassurance (including any relational or structural arrangements for those who cannot accept some aspect of what is being proposed).

The Bishop is committed to the Church of England and the Diocese of Rochester and making a place for all. He believes that structures should be provided to enable people to remain and flourish within the CofE because otherwise the Church will split, produce internal schism, and bring an end to the CofE as a single Church. Collectively the Bishops have a responsibility to bridge the gap between the differences among us.

The Bishop said that there is a need to find new ways of doing things - new models of ministry especially of an apostolic (planting new church communities), prophetic (engaging with people that the Church has not previously reached) and evangelistic (identifying people who have the gift of

being able to communicate the Christian faith in ways that people can engage with). To focus more on going out to people rather than on people coming to us.

He concluded saying that “the world needs the Church, you, and me, to be more Christian than ever - precisely at a time when that is probably more difficult than it has been for a very long time. We may no longer burn one another at the stake _ but our culture is very good indeed at condemning and cancelling people with whom it disagrees!”

Jane Belle Diocesan Synod Member and Diocesan Advisory Committee Member

THE FLORENCE HARDING FUND - TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2024

Income for the year rose to £5,056 (2022: £4,716.30) as a result of higher interest rates. Payments of £279.40 were made for Bibles and a Donation of £3,000 was made to the Sundridge Church Waterloo Fund.

The Balance Sheet shows that General Fund has increased to £174,369.39 (2022: £160,651.22) due to higher returns in the global stock markets.

The Accumulated Income Fund, available for distribution at the discretion of the Florence Harding Trustees, (comprising cash held in commercial bank accounts and in Diocesan loan accounts) has a balance £39,809.92 (2022: £38,050.85).

The year-end valuation of the Florence Harding Fund has cash and investments to the value £214,179.31 as at the 31 December 2023 (2022: £198,702.07).

At the Florence Harding Trustees Committee meeting, following the Parish AGM, in April 2023 the Rector and Churchwarden were confirmed as Trustees. Mr Julian Parkin was appointed Treasurer for 2023 but has requested to be replaced for the 2024 year and a new Treasurer is being identified.



St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC			Charity No (if any)	1173206	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01.01.2023	To	Period end date	31.12.2023	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year	Total last year
			Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	givings& giftaid,grants	S01	46,356	29,050		75,406	49,957
Activities for generating funds	fete, flower fes & Ride & Strid	S02	1,836			1,836	
Investment income		S03	691		2,873	3,564	2,915
Fees weddings and funerals and extras	church activities	S04	8,636	4,834		13,470	7,251
Other incoming resources	Insurance claim	S05	2608			2,608	2,900
Total incoming resources		S06	60,127	33,884	2,873	96,884	63,023
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	Offer,clergy costs,DBF	S07	30,207	700		30,907	26,843
fund raising/admin costs	fete, Mag,admin	S08	1,099			1,099	1,060
Church running costs	insurance ,heating etc	S09	11,910			11,910	15,450
Charitable activities	Mission giving donations	S10		828		828	1,196
Repair and maintenance	including major work	S11	2,983	29,711		32,694	6,060
Other resources expended	Churchyard	S12	5,995	2,000		7,995	6,763
Total resources expended		S13	52,194	33,239	-	85,433	57,372
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		S14	7,933	645	2,873	11,451	5,651
Gross transfers between funds(church repair fund)		S15	968	1,905	- 2,873		-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		S16	8,901	2,550	-	11,451	5,651
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets /Refunds		S18		2,289	9,898	12,187	- 13,064
Net movement in funds		S19	8,901	4,839	9,898	23,638	- 7,413
Total funds brought forward		S20	58,559	94,718	104,521	257,798	
Total funds carried forward		S21	67,460	99,557	114,419	281,436	257,798

Section B

Balance sheet

		Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets (Notes 5&6)		B01	-	-	-	-	-
CRF		B02	-	82,198		82,198	78,004
Investments (Note 5)		B03	-		114,419	114,419	104,521
Total fixed assets		B04	-	82,198	114,419	196,617	182,525
Current assets							
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 7)		B06	14,491		-	14,491	8,920
(Short term) investments		B07			-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)		B08	53,454	18,157	-	71,611	67,406
Total current assets		B09	67,945	18,157	-	86,102	76,326
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)		B10	485	798	-	1,283	1,053
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	67,460	17,359	-	84,819	75,273
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	67,460	99,557	114,419	281,436	257,798
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		B15	67,460	99,557	114,419	281,436	257,798
Funds of the Charity							
Unrestricted funds		B16	67,460			67,460	58,559
		B17				-	
Restricted income funds		B18		99,557		99,557	94,718
Endowment funds (Note 11)		B19			114,419	114,419	104,521
Total funds		B20	67,460	99,557	114,419	281,436	257,798
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees							
			Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
					Rev Lynette Leithead		

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 1 Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting:

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. the financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's , and with Regulations "true and fair view" , it is also the first year they have been prepared under FRS102(2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of Statement of recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)). These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with*

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 Accounting Standards;
- or

 Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards"; ✓
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	not applicable
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	not applicable
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	not applicable

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)9a) and © of Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statement
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

Section C
Notes to the accounts
Note 3 (sheet1)
Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Planned giving SO1	26350	27563
	Tax recoverable SO1	8222	7748
	Grants for Waterloo 2 project SO1	22000	1500
	LPWG SO1	4782	
	Legacy SO1	1000	1100
	Recurring grants grass cutting SO1	2000	2000
	Diocese re Rectory Office SO1	1000	
	Donations restricted SO1	2260	2149
	Donations unrestricted SO1	4453	3401
	Collections restricted SO1	790	1076
	Collections unrestricted SO1	4080	3420
	Brasted Share of running costs SO1	304	
	Insurance claim SO5	2,608	2,900
	Total	79,849	52,857
Activities for generating funds	Fete and flower festival SO2		
	Sale of parish magazine & advertising		
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment income	Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund SO3	2,873	2,857
	Interest from deposit accounts SO3	691	58
		-	-
	Total	3,564	2,915
Incoming resources from church activities	Statutory Fees, weddings, funerals SO4	8,636	3,259
			-
			-
	Supplimentary fees & DBF SO4	4,834	3,992
		-	-
Total income	Total	96,883	63,023

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

		This year £	Last year £
Church Activities	Analysis		
	Offer Diocese of Rochester & DBF	16,867	20,932
	Clergy expenses & Rectory not included below	5,820	5,911
	Offer & Clergy Costs S07	22,687	26,843
	Admin costs S08	1,099	1,060
	Church utilities S09	3,840	4,272
	Church insurance S09	8,069	7,548
	Church running expenses S09	8,220	3,630
	Insurance Heating etc	20,129	15,450
	Churchyard S12	7,995	6,763
	Maintenance S11	2,983	6,060
	Major works S11	29,711	
	Maintenance and major works	32,694	6,060
Total		84,604	56,176
Raising Funds	Fete	-	
	Magazine	-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Donations to support wider mission work and charities outside the parish	Sharp memorial school for blind girls S10	266	245
	Porchlight Kent homeless people S10	266	
	Open Doors S10	266	
	Ukraine appeal S10		211
	Childrens society S10		245
	Churches together S10		20
	Friends of Rochester Cathedral S10	20	20
	Friends of kent Churches S10	10	10
	Other		5
	Royal British Legion S10		440
	Total	828	1,196
Governance costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	85,432	57,372

Section C Note 5

Analysis of investments - permanent endowment funds (PE)

CBF Funds

Sundridge Plender [churchyard and grave] a/c CB3013652
 Sundridge Drabble [churchyard and grave] a/c CB3013653
 Ide Hill Porter Endowment [benefice income] a/c CB3013747
 Ide Hill Porter [churchyard and grave] a/c CB3013707
 Ide Hill Ven Gray [churchyard and grave] a/c CB3013625
 Ide Hill General a/c CB3033048
 Ide Hill Goathurst Mission [fabric] a/c CB3013745 div reinvested
 Ide Hill Fabric a/c cb3032940
 Bishop Porteous CB3013760

Other investments

Ide Hill Churchyard Daisy Smith bequest

Total investments

Note 6 Church repair funds - restricted income funds

Sundridge

Balance as at 1 January
 Contribution from general fund
 Interest
 Debit
 Balance as at 31 December

Ide Hill

Balance as at 1 January
 Contribution from general fund
 Interest
 Debit
 Balance as at 31 December

Total church repair funds

	10.2 Market value at year end	10.2 Market value at prior year end
Units	£	£
376	8,500	7,769
302	6,827	6,240
2,975	67,251	61,468
328	7,415	6,776
254	5,742	5,248
186	4,205	3,843
271	7,069	6,279
136	3,074	2,809
93	2,094	1,914
	2,245	2,175
	114,420	104,521
	10	10
	Value at year end	Value at prior year end
	£	£
	36,065	33,690
	2,075	2,900
	1,068	175
	- 870	- 700
	38,338	36,065
	41,939	41,334
	700	700
	1,221	205
	-	- 300
	43,860	41,939
	82,198	78,004

Section C (sheet 2)

Notes 7

Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Inland Revenue gift aid tax reclaim & VAT	8,222	7,747	-	-
Other debtors	6,269	1,173	-	-
Total	14,491	8,920	-	-

Note 8

Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

8.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Amounts owing to charities	798	490	-	-
Trade creditors			-	-
Other creditors	485	562	-	-
Total	1,283	1,053	-	-

Note 9

Cash

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Unrestricted funds held at HSBC

Treasurer current account and cash in hand

No 1 money manager account 3752

No 2 Money Manager account 1379

NSW Community Account

Cambridge & Counties

Unrestricted funds held with Diocesan

Total unrestricted

Restricted funds held at HSBC

No 2 money manager account - Organ fund 3760

No 3 money manager Account Sundridge fabric 1387

total restricted

Total cash at bank and in hand

10.2 Funds at year end £	10.2 Funds at prior year end £
11,874	17,157
25,536	25,165
6,044	7,880
10,000	
53,454	50,202
9,832	8,694
8,325	8,510
18,157	17,204
71,611	67,406

Note 10 Transfers

Transfers between funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Church Repair Funds transfer	- 2,775	2,775		-	-
Transferred out of CRFs	870	- 870			
Funds used from capital works & net movement in funds supported by					-
Interest transferred to current	2,873		- 2,873		
Total Funds	968	1,905	- 2,873	-	-

Note 11 Endowment and restricted income funds
11.1 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Sundridge Plender	7,769	-	-	-	731	8,500
Sundridge Drabble	6,240				587	6,827
Ide Hill Porter	61,468				5,783	67,251
Ide Hill Porter	6,777				638	7,415
Ide Hill Ven Gray	5,248				494	5,742
Ide Hill General a/c	3,843				362	4,205
Ide Hill Goathurst	6,280				789	7,069
Ide Hill Fabric	2,809				265	3,074
Daisy Smith IH bequest	2,175				70	2,245
Bishop Porteous	1,914				180	2,094
		-	-	-		
Total Funds	104,521	-	-	-	9,898	114,419

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill PCC

I report on the accounts of charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. the charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Direction given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respects the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare account which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not met; or

(2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Julian Parkin

Signed



Address. The Gatehouse, Church Road, Sundridge, Kent TN14 6EA

Date. 9th March 2024

Accounts

**The Parish of Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill
APCM Report 2022**



Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill Parochial Church Council

Parish Churches:

St. Mary's Church, Sundridge; St. Mary's Church, Ide Hill; Toys Hill Hall (financially independent), Toys Hill

All in the Deanery of Sevenoaks, Archdeaconry of Tonbridge and Diocese of Rochester

Incumbent (from November 2015 - December 2022): The Revd Pamela Davies
Sundridge Rectory, Chevening Road, Sundridge, Kent, TN14 6AB

PCC Membership:

The following comprises the PCC as of 1st January 2022:

Incumbent: Revd. Pamela Davies PCC Chair (On long term sick leave)

Churchwarden:

Althea Chapman - Sundridge

Diocesan Synod Representative:

Jane Belle

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Jane Belle (Vice-Chair from 2022)

Trevor Davies (until June 2022)

Elected PCC Members:

Ed Dixon - Resigned April 2022

Simon Pickard

P J Rutherford - Vice-Chair (Resigned June 2022)

Jane Rossi - Resigned June 2022

Di Pickard - Parish Safeguarding Officer (Secretary from June 2022)

Trevor Davies - PCC Secretary (Until June 2022)

Co-opted Members:

Sally Bawn (Until April 2022)

Hon Treasurer:

Robert Skone James

PCC Report | Diana Pickard | Secretary PCC

“Change, grow, serve”

Leafing through the minutes of meetings held in 2022, two patterns emerged.

The good one was that less and less mention was made of corona virus and risk assessments for it!

The frustrating one was the increased time spent trying to manage the ever lengthening absence of the Rector, Pam Davies. This, I'm sure, is the standout feature of 2022 for all concerned for the wellbeing of the parish. Her continued state of ill health and managed return to work was further complicated by the untimely and sad death of her husband, Trevor, in June. Following a period of bereavement leave she decided to move to another post. During the Autumn the Churchwarden and PCC were consulted about the appointment of an Interim Minister to be shared with Brasted. The PCC is very grateful to Ven. Sharon Copestake, the Archdeacon of Tonbridge, for managing an unusual situation so smoothly. Thanks go also to Jane Belle who has managed the services rotas sourcing clergy for **every** service.

There have been other personnel changes on the PCC. Sally Bawn, Ed Dixon, PJ Rutherford and Jane Rossi stepped down from the PCC. They have contributed in so many different ways to the PCC and are sadly missed. Sally moved away and Ed has increased work commitments. PJ and Jane continued to support behind the scenes. (Jane has returned to the PCC but that really comes in next year's report!). Jane Belle and Diana Pickard took on the roles of Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively, initially acting and then confirmed later in the year. Robert Skone James, Treasurer, was co-opted onto the PCC as a voting member.

While talking about members of the PCC, special mention must be made of one person who has remained on the PCC and in her post! Althea is the **only Churchwarden** and has worked tirelessly, particularly as in the absence of an incumbent she is responsible for the whole Parish.

In 2022, the PCC met 5 times in person for full PCC meetings. 2 on-line meetings and 2 meetings with the Archdeacon were also held. Behind the scenes, there have been myriad of emails and smaller meetings. All members of the PCC have worked hard on behalf of the Parish, as witnessed by the reports attached. Thank you to a great team!

Other notable items have come before the PCC: In January it was good to hear that the Friends of Ide Hill Church was finally up and running. In May the first Forest Church service finally took place after a long gestation period.

Late arrivals to 21st century technology! Explorations about bringing Wi-Fi into both Churches started. We are grateful to Richard Dunckley for his contribution at Sundridge. Barbara Lockey kindly agreed to develop the parish profile on the website “A Church Near You” (ACNY).

There are still vacancies to serve on the PCC so why not consider standing for election? This is a vital part of our Parish work, and you can contribute, not just for yourself, but on behalf of others as well, to the life of our Churches.

Finance Report year ending Dec 2022 | Robert Skone James | Hon Treasurer PCC

The accounts have been independently examined and summarised in the accompanying statement that has been approved by the Independent Examiner.

Income exceeded expenses in 2022 due to a pleasing increase in giving of £5000, mainly due to collections and donations, and some further pay-outs from our insurance due to the incapacity of the Rector. There was, though, an overall reduction in our reserves due to a significant drop in value of the endowment funds'. We remain indebted to our regular givers who have maintained their giving throughout the year and without whom we would struggle.

Gift Aid from HMRC and VAT from the LPWG Scheme has been claimed for the year and are included in the accounts.

The PCC's offer to the Diocese of Rochester was £20,000 (down from £22,000 in 2021), and the nominated charities by the PCC received £1190.00

I am grateful to the Churchwarden and others who have made sure that our funds are utilised sensibly and prudently.

I especially wish to thank Fiona Parkin, Paul Beasley, Ed Dixon and Phil Chapman for managing & banking the weekly collections and providing me with detailed documentation. Paul stood down from this role after several years and I wish to thank him on behalf of the PCC for taking this on over several years. I am pleased to report that Phil stepped in to take over banking collections from Ide Hill.

Finally, on behalf of the PCC, thank you to Julian Parkin our Independent Examiner who has kindly spent a considerable amount of his own time examining the PCC's accounts.

Safeguarding Report | Diana Pickard | Parish Safeguarding Officer, St Mary's Sundridge and Ide Hill with Toys Hill

The pandemic continued to limit face to face activities.

As private prayer and church services began to be allowed again, risk assessments were undertaken to ensure compliance to ever changing Covid regulations and guidance.

Safeguarding Sunday (20th November 2022) was marked in the church service that day. The PSO reminded everyone that it is everyone's responsibility to be vigilant, not just that of the PSO.

Training has remained a priority.

Safeguarding training for the clergy and PCC members is up to date and representatives from the bell ringers at Sundridge Church have completed the basic training. The Churchwarden, the Deacon and the Lay Minister renewed the leadership training; an onerous but necessary task.

PCC members, the Churchwarden, Deacon, and Lay Minister are thanked for completing yet more training this time for Domestic Abuse.

Very grateful thanks to Barbara Lockey for following Safer Recruitment procedures and the work that entails. Both Barbara and Diana completed the Safer Recruitment training.

Many volunteers work hard and quietly behind the scenes. Ways for them to work safely, often alone, is a concern and they are reminded to take a mobile phone with them and to let someone know when they have left church premises.

Policies and Safeguarding statements

The House of Bishops "promoting a Safer Church; Safeguarding Policy Statement" was re-adopted. The Parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed and a policy on the Rehabilitation of Offenders was approved.

Churchwarden's Report and Sundridge Fabric Report 2022 | Althea Chapman, Churchwarden, and Jane Belle, Fabric Chairman

In a year reverting to normal after the pandemic, we began with the traditional Ringing In on January 1st accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies!

Palm Sunday saw us in procession behind Pedro, the Donkey, at Ide Hill. Our Parish Easter Day service was held at Ide Hill.

The School set up their 5 Stations of the Cross in Sundridge Church for their Easter service which was taken by Rev Tim.

The APCM took place on 25th May in Sundridge Church.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with afternoon and evening events in Sundridge Church and Churchyard – the raising of the Union Flag, a churchyard trail for children, open evening with the bellringers and the organist, a fire pit, refreshments and, to finish the evening, at dusk a medley of the Queen's favourite songs played on the trumpet!
The Church was open throughout the Summer on a daily basis.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Trevor Davies, husband of Rev Pam Davies, on 22nd June.

On 8th September, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died – books of condolence were opened in the churches, suitable photographs and flowers were displayed, and the flags were lowered. The bells were rung muffled as a mark of mourning.

Harvest Service was taken in mid-September by Jane Rosam, herself a farmer!
Our traditional service took place on Remembrance Sunday when wreaths were laid on the War Memorial by the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Churchwarden and the Head Boy and Head Girl of Sundridge & Brasted School.

Safeguarding Sunday took place at the end of November.

Christingle, taken by Rev Tim, took place mid-week so that the school children were able to attend. The traditional Candle-lit Carol Service was reinstated post Covid, followed by a morning service at Sundridge on Christmas Day itself.

Our thanks go to all those who took services for us throughout the year, especially Rev Angela Baker, Ruth Barrow, Ven Catrina Barnes, Rev Adie McCall and Jane Rosam. We are also most grateful to Rev Tim Edwards for taking care of pastoral matters and for his work with both Schools. Our special thanks go to Ven Sharon Copestake, Archdeacon of Tonbridge, for all her support and advice over the year.

2 wrought iron handrails leading from the Tower Room into the Nave were installed thanks to a generous legacy.

Bertie the Boiler has been suffering from problems of old age and we are immensely grateful to Peter Duke and Barbara Lockey for all the time and expertise they have spent on helping him to work! The Bible box was restored, and other items mended by Nigel Belle.

The Candle-lit Carol Service, lovely as it was, was not enhanced by the sudden appearance of 'a lake' at the back of the church! This problem is on-going.....

The churchyard has looked very good this year and, thanks to a generous contribution by a Parishioner, a large and potentially dangerous ash tree alongside a Public Footpath was removed. The usual gulley and gutter clearing took place, and a working party tidied the churchyard.

As ever, our gratitude goes: to the Fabric Committee; to our Organist, George Hancock; to our Bellringers led by the Bell Captain, Rita Cox; to the Flower Arrangers, led by Beryl Norman; and to The Friends of St Mary's Sundridge without whose generosity and dedication the fabric of St Mary's would be so very much the poorer.

Report for APCM from The Friends of St Mary's Church Sundridge | Kenneth Ludlam | Honorary Chairman

President: Sir Michael Fallon, Chairman: Kenneth Ludlam, Secretary: Ginny Ashworth, Acting Treasurer: Kenneth Ludlam, Committee: Neil Arnott, Jane Belle, Lyn Campbell, Andrew Cook, Gary Davison, Barbara Lockey, ex officio member Rev. Pam Davies

Our first event in 2022 was the AGM held at St Mary's Church Sundridge on Monday 28th March - the first face-to-face meeting since the pandemic. Sir Michael Fallon chaired the meeting and paid tribute to retiring Honorary Treasurer, Richard Dunckley, for his tremendous commitment to the role and involvement with the Friends over the past 17 years. He also thanked Lindsay Hofman for her strong support as a Committee member as she was not standing again. Andrew Cook and Gary Davison were

elected as new Committee members. The AGM was followed by an absorbing presentation by Nick White on "The Charge of the Light Brigade" and the evening concluded with light refreshments.

On 10th May we finally had our much-delayed visit to Chevening House. Our fascinating tour was conducted by the Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Colonel Alistair Mathewson and concluded with a delicious tea.

St Mary's Church was the venue for the first Jubilee celebration in Sundridge when an "Open Church" took place on the evening of Thursday 2nd June. The event began at 5 pm and a steady stream of visitors were able to listen to and meet George, our resident organist. George Hancock, a local organ, piano and music theory teacher with experience of playing in many cathedrals and churches, was happy to explain how the organ worked, answer questions and fill the church with inspiring music. The flowers decorating the church were magnificent, including a very special Jubilee display in the Tower Room. At 6 pm a ceremony took place to light a symbolic "beacon" – in our case a fire pit supplied by Nigel Belle – as part of the nationwide chain organised to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Liz Finlason, a local trumpet player, performed a small selection of pieces known to be among the Queen's favourite music and a rousing finale of God Save The Queen was a perfect reminder of the purpose of our get-together. The bell tower was open to visitors between 7 and 9 pm and the bell ringers welcomed many people who were brave and energetic enough to climb up; there was an opportunity to ring one of the bells, under supervision of course, and a chance to enjoy the wonderful view from the belfry.

During the evening there was a churchyard trail to explore, involving clues to twelve graves marked on a map of the graveyard, and those who completed the quiz were rewarded with a small prize. A very comprehensive photographic display showing past events organised by the Friends of St Mary's reminded many visitors of some very popular occasions. Refreshments were available throughout the evening and were very much appreciated. Liz very kindly gave a second performance of her repertoire to round off the evening - it was a delightful opportunity listen in the open air and to enjoy the beauty of the church and its wonderful setting on a warm and balmy night.

The inspiration behind the event was Barbara Lockey who worked incredibly hard to bring all the aspects of the "Open Church" together in a most memorable way. Our thanks to her, George, the bell-ringers, Althea, Liz, Nigel and everyone who contributed to an extremely successful evening.

Our last activity for the year was running a Tombola Stall at "Funstock" event at the end of August. We had a fantastic supply of prizes and our efforts raised over £150.

In terms of expenditure for the church, we purchased a new CCTV unit and provided coir matting to be placed under the Tower Room carpet.

St Mary's Ide Hill - Church Team Report | Jane Rossi & St Mary's Ide Hill team.

We began Lent with a service of Holy Communion and Ashing on Ash Wednesday at which we were very pleased to welcome staff and pupils from Ide Hill School. The Mothering Sunday service was led by Angela and Ruth, as was the Good Friday service. As ever Pedro the donkey led our Palm Sunday procession before the service.

The Easter Sunday service was led by Revd Lindsay Llewellyn-Duff (Bishop's Chaplain).

The Open Air service was held on a thankfully dry warm Sunday in June and was well attended with quite a few young children. Thanks are due to Barbara Lockey and Peter Duke for arranging the sound system.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Trevor Davies, husband of Rev Pam Davies, on 22nd June.

During the August Bank Holiday weekend and flower festival, the Church was beautifully decorated around the theme of the Queen's life. The Songs of Praise service on the Sunday was well attended. We celebrated Harvest Festival in September when the school presented eco-friendly boxes filled with food donations.

After the death of HM Queen Elizabeth, a book of condolences was available in the Church. The Remembrance Sunday service was well attended and we welcomed the local Beavers, Cubs and Scout who presented the colours.

The Friends of Ide Hill Church Christmas Tree Festival heralded the start of the Christmas season. During the service that Sunday, the Christmas trees were blessed and Forest Church members made Yule log Christmas scenes. We completed the Christmas celebrations with the Midnight service (at 11pm!).

Thank you for everyone who has worked so hard to keep the Church open, warm, and functioning during the last year. We particularly thank all the visiting clergy who supported us while the Rector was on long term sick leave. Grateful thanks go to Angela and Ruth who between them took many services, funerals and baptisms throughout the year. During the year, 3 Church clean ups were held. Many thanks to our wonderful team! Likewise a big thank you to Carol Edmonds and the flower team.

We were lucky to have 2 local village residents marry in the church.

St Mary's Church, Ide Hill - Church and Churchyard Report | PJ Rutherford |team member

Ide Hill Church was maintained throughout the year by a small team and safety inspections have been done with regards to lightning, fire, and appliances in the Church.

No major works have been undertaken although tidying up in the Churchyard is ongoing. This summer we plan to clean up in the tower, but the inside of the Church is in fair condition for an old building. Thanks must again go to Paul Meredith and his gardener for the maintenance of the Churchyard, grass, hedges etc and also to Richard French who maintains the new grave area soon to be in use.

Burials and burial of ashes continued during the year with much help from our Parish Warden, Althea Chapman, who works all hours to attend to the affairs of all our Churches.

We have 2 faculties in place for burials and plots allocated but as my previous reports have indicated, very few grave sites are available in the Churchyard. I believe all records to be up to date but new charts of the various areas of the graveyard must be made and displayed for those who wish to find graves of relatives etc.

A new headstone for names is needed for the memorial area currently in use and PCC is aware.

Thanks must go to Peter Wade and Neil Arnott who clean up gutters and other issues to do with the building and to Peter Duke who is our able heating and sound engineer. To minimise the risks associated with Neil and Peter going up on the roof we have started to use the services of John Ferguson with the help of Jane Belle. Smart water has been used around the building in 2022.

Lastly, thanks are due to the many I have not mentioned who help in the Church under the leadership of Jane Rossi.

Toys Hill Report | Simon Pickard | PCC

2022 was a good year for Toys Hill. Nearly all services were led by priests, with Adie McCall and Jane Rosam really supporting us.

We were also pleased that George played the organ on one occasion and that towards the end of the year Michael McKenzie resumed playing the piano for us. Otherwise, we either listened to music or sang along to the Salvation Army Choir and I think we would all say that the results were mixed!

Toys Hill was also the venue for a number of Forest Church services, and the green outside the Hall proved a really good location. We also had an impromptu outdoor service when I inadvertently set the fire alarm off just before a service! The highlights were the Holy Communion & Forest Church in November, both of which were well attended.

The Christmas Eve Crib Service, led by Adie, was attended by 43 adults and 26 children – including 3 tiny babies who all came up onto the stage. The congregation was a good mix of local Toys Hill people and their families and several people from Ide Hill. Thanks go to Katie who did some of the narration and brought several sets of friends. Mince pies & mulled wine were enjoyed by all. Christmas morning, HC, led by Wendy Harvey, was attended by 24 people.

I'm also happy to report that James and Alison Martin, who arrived in Toys Hill 18 months ago have donated new hymn books.

Deanery Synod Report | Jane Belle | Standing Committee member Deanery Synod

Area Dean: Rev Canon Anne le Bas; Lay Chairman: Brig. Ian Dobbie; Secretary: Michael Conacher; Treasurer Rev Robin Jones. May Synod: Brigadier Dobbie welcomed members and prayed for the ministry of Right Reverend Jonathan Gibbs, new Bishop of Rochester and gave thanks for the interim leadership of Bishop Simon.

Rev Anne Bourne introduced St Luke's where they work alongside colleagues at St Mary Riverhead and St Mary's Kippington. St Luke's was preparing for Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee in June. Each month Repair Café is held in church when parishioners can bring broken items of domestic equipment for repair by an expert.

Ben Andradi, Communications Officer for the Charity "Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees", spoke about their small team of DBS checked volunteers. The charity raises £60,000pa, has 500 local supporters (including Sevenoaks School). The charity gives support and matches refugee families with appropriate host families. Firstly, 8 families from Syria and Afghanistan were helped, now 30 families from Ukraine are receiving support. The Charity needs: money, bibles, and volunteer hosts.

It was reported the Parish of Brasted: vacant; Sundridge & Ide Hill W Toys Hill: Revd. Pam Davies is off sick; Chevening: Revd Hannah Adams on maternity leave for a year.

The shortage of retired clergy in West Kent is an ongoing problem. Church Volunteers are congratulated for doing a wonderful job.

A report from Rev Tim Edwards was received on the February General Synod meeting: debates on: Racial Justice; Safeguarding; Faculty Registration - to be made easier; Human Trafficking; Clergy Remuneration - no change proposed; living as Christian Disciples; Persecuted Church which is increasing globally. Living in Love and Faith - all comments sent are being considered. Rev Tim hopes there will be help with the process of mutual understanding of human sexuality. The wider Anglican community is involved and there is worldwide persecution in the church with many differing views.

At the October Synod Rev David Fox-Branch, Priest in Charge at Westerham, explained the church history; the site is Celtic, then a Roman camp, then a church in 9th century. The building dates from the 13th/14th century with Victorian renovations. There are 3800 people in the parish.

Magali van der Merwe, the Diocesan Community Engagement Officer, explained her work involving National and local needs, she assists and works with parishes advising the Diocese on Poverty and Privation; Mental wellbeing; and Support for refugees, especially Ukrainians. Several church members in West Kent are providing accommodation for Ukrainian people. A church in Bexley is used for Ukrainians to hold their own services.

Diocesan Synod 2022 | Jane Belle | Diocesan Synod Member and Diocesan Advisory Committee Member

In March, The Bishop of Tonbridge, the Rt Rev Simon Burton-Jones, said that he was conscious that members came from different backgrounds, particularly from a world that was pandemic weary. Also the problems of the brutal power politics of the mid twentieth century and its delusional dictators, which one thought had been left behind 70-80 years ago but had not. Synod would reflect about how to think, pray and talk. The Bishop also talked about what kinds of responses could be made from within the Diocese to the needs of the people of Ukraine, whilst being conscious that there were serious wars elsewhere too.

There was a presentation about Children & Young People's Mission and Ministry in the Diocese.

'Living in Love and Faith' was reported on. 12 out of 17 Deanery synods had had presentations, 7 LLF courses had been run in Deaneries, 31+ parishes/parish groups had engaged in various ways. 11

parishes had not engaged or did not plan to engage in any way - various reasons e.g. interregnum, etc. Support for LLF continued through the work of LLF Advocate, Chaplain, and consultative group.

Finance was discussed. Racial Justice and Equality: a report made 47 separate recommendations to the Church of England around these issues. The War in Ukraine: Bishop Simon said that he was really grateful for the way in which parishes had already stepped up in intercessions and donations, and in supporting local Ukrainian communities, many of whom worked in agriculture across the Diocese.

Use of Individual cups for Communion was discussed and it was noted that General Synod had also discussed this but rejected the proposal.

JUNE Synod discussed Everyday Faith talk by Dr Nick Shepherd; Parish Giving Scheme – advisor Liz Mullins; Safeguarding and ‘Dashboard’ membership, an on-line tool to help parishes; Anna Chaplaincy for care of dementia sufferers; Environment & Sustainability – lots of advice on CofE website. Annual Report & Accounts for 2021 were adopted – costs £11.8M; income £10.2M.

NOVEMBER was the Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Gibbs first Synod as Bishop of Rochester. He said that the Bishop’s Chaplain, Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-Macduff would be leading worship for the last time as she had been appointed as Associate Priest to Penshurst, Fordcombe & Chiddingstone. The Bishop encouraged us to take up “Change, Serve, Grow” looking forward for the Diocese and its Parishes.

Other items discussed were Finance – 77% of Diocese’s income comes from Indicative Offers; Deanery Synod – elections 2023; Healthcare Chaplaincy; Safeguarding. The General Synod report was given by Jane Rosam.

Sharp Memorial School for the Blind 2023 | Ruth Barrow LLM

The school continues to thrive under the leadership of Ancy John (Superintendent) and Anjum Rogers (Head teacher).

The school teaches the resident Blind students plus sighted children from the Rajpur village. They are thankful that they received timely and accurate supplies for their financial needs.

The Bartimaeus Trust, through whom we make our donations, was able to send £45k last year by using some reserves and estimates that its income next year will be £25k but can be made up to £35k using reserves, so we need to pray for more financial support.

We sent £245 from our Christmas offerings.

The Florence Harding Fund | Julian Parkin | Treasurer Florence Harding Trust

Accounts for the year-ended 31 December 2022

Treasurer’s Report - February 2023

Income for the year rose to £4,617.09 (2021: £4,256.86) as a result of higher interest rates. Payments of £98.92 were made for Bibles.

The Balance Sheet shows that General Fund has declined to £160,651.22 (2021: £181,984.47) due to a lower return in the global stock markets.

The Accumulated Income Fund, available for distribution at the discretion of the Rector, Churchwardens and PCC, (comprising cash held in commercial bank accounts and in Diocesan loan accounts) has a balance £38,050.85 (2021: £33,433.76).

The year-end valuation of the Florence Harding Fund has cash and investments to the value £198,702.07 as at the 31 December 2022 (2021: £215,418.23).

At the Florence Harding Trustees Committee meeting, following the Parish APCM, in June 2022 the Rector and Church Warden were confirmed as Trustees. Mr Julian Parkin was appointed as Treasurer.

Bible and Prayer Group 2022 | Angela Baker | Deacon

The group was able to emerge from covid restrictions at the beginning of March, and during Lent we met weekly on Tuesday mornings, following a series of studies called "Jesus' Final Week". For the rest of the year we have met fortnightly, and enjoyed looking at a selection of Old Testament characters. We pray together, and then refreshments are on offer. We meet at 10 am in Finches; there are usually about 6 of us and we would love to welcome more!

Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School | Tom Hardwick Executive Headteacher for the Darent Federation of Primary Schools

The formal creation of the Darent Federation of Schools took effect on 1st September last year with Tom Hardwick taking the role of Executive Headteacher across both Sundridge & Brasted and Kemsing Primary schools. The schools maintain their own unique characters but share expertise, resources and training so as to ensure the best practice throughout.

We run many after school clubs for the children, offering a wide range of activities and sports and class trips have enhanced and embedded the learning in class.

We were delighted to return to Forest School under the leadership of Natalia Figa. Our youngest children enjoy weekly sessions and other classes work with Natalia for 2 terms throughout the year. We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Jack for allowing us to use their land for this purpose.

Reverend Tim has also joined our school community, leading our Collective Worship services at St Mary's Church throughout the year and officiating at our Harvest and Easter Services.

We continue to work with Sevenoaks School, utilising their own facilities for Art and Design & Technology and Drama and welcoming their staff and students who have come to us to support our staff with a history and creative writing focus.

We attend many sports fixtures throughout the year hosted by Sevenoaks School and Knole Academy for the Sevenoaks Partnership of Schools and offering a wide range of experiences for our children.

We continue to support a number of charities throughout the year, raising awareness and funds for both local and worldwide causes.

Following the COVID pandemic restrictions of past years we have been delighted to invite parents back in to school for class assemblies, parent/teacher consultations and school events. We have also been pleased to entertain local residents in our school this year and hope to continue to do so each term.

Friends of Sundridge and Brasted School have been active as always in organising fun events for the children as well as fund raising to support the school with purchasing resources. We are also grateful to Buxton Construction whose donation has helped us new outdoor play equipment which was installed in December.

It has been a good year for the school whose whole staff are committed to ensuring that every child reaches their potential and enjoys their time with us. We thank our families and the local community for their support.

Very best wishes to the PCC.

Ide Hill School Report | Louisa Hillman | Head teacher

At Ide Hill CE Primary our vision "do everything in love" is the beating heart of our school and as a result, we have had much to celebrate. Children and staff have continued to flourish through our nurturing environment. The staff have been working incredibly hard in implementing our new school curriculum. At the end of January our talented and enthusiastic choir attended the Young Voices concert held at London's O2. It was such a wonderful experience for the children to come together with so many other children, to sing as one and enjoy the atmosphere.

Closer to home, a group of our aspiring authors were asked to represent the school at our AIM higher writing event, hosted by Radnor House School. Our children were given the opportunity to write a short story guided by the children's author Nikki Sheehan. Nikki was suitably impressed by the emerging talent of our Ide Hill writers. Mrs Daniels organised a fantastic World Book Day event for children to share their passion for reading. This concluded with storyteller workshops for each class based on "The boy at the back of class" which offers the perspective of a Syrian refugee joining a UK school and is a powerful story about friendship and kindness

Ide Hill has seen great success in sporting fixtures against local schools and this weekend became the champions of the Sevenoaks district netball tournament.

We are very grateful to Reverend Tim Edwards for his support in leading our weekly Whole School act of Collective Worship at St Mary's church together with our year 6 leading lights. We are equally grateful to Jane Rossi and Di Pickard for keeping coming together with other members of the village for the Ash Wednesday service and we are looking forwards to celebrating Palm Sunday.

We are looking forwards to spring finally arriving and to all the opportunity that this offers with outdoor learning as we head towards the summer term. As ever, we have had a lot of interest from prospective parents to the school and are looking forwards to welcoming our new "Sapling" children and their families through a series of transition events in the summer term.

Bellringers report 2022 | Maggie Amos | Bellringer

This year the bellringers were very pleased, after a two-year break, to be able to welcome the New Year in with ringing at midday on 1st January 2022.

It was a privilege and pleasure to be able to ring for the Queen's Jubilee. We held an open tower for the occasion and, from that, we now have two new ringers.

There was a wedding in July which we were pleased to ring for. We had a request in August to do a surprise ring for a couple celebrating 65 years of marriage.

Practice was cancelled on Thursday 8th September when the news was announced of the death of Queen Elizabeth. Ringing proceeded in the following days in accordance with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' guidelines. Bells were rung fully muffled for an hour on Friday 9th September plus 96 tolls.

Muffled practice took place during the following week. Ringing took place on the day of the funeral for one hour before the funeral plus 96 tolls (one toll for each year of the Queen's life).

In November the District Maintenance Officer came to inspect the bells. He found that two bells needed new bushes which he is arranging to be carried out in due course. The treble rope was showing signs of wear and this has now been replaced.

Anyone interested in visiting the tower or learning to ring please contact Rita Cox (captain) 01732 750324 or email maggieamos43@yahoo.co.uk

Forest Church | The Forest Church Team

Forest Church is about to celebrate its first birthday on Coronation Sunday.

Forest Church is not like regular church happening outside, but an entirely different approach to worship. We've met in all weathers and it's been challenging at times. Jane Rosam, a Licensed Lay Minister leads us with Di Pickard and Barbara Lockey assisting, journeying in faith along the way and always learning, mostly from the children. There are no service sheets given out nor are there any hymn books. We begin our sessions with our wacky song, "I am a Christian" and it's become a firm favourite with the children. We end with refreshments kindly provided by Jan G and Jane B.

We sometimes follow the liturgical calendar but not always. This year we've talked about our doubts and fears, making a labyrinth from twigs and walking round it leaving our worries behind. With the

autumn equinox approaching, with the balance between light and dark becoming the same length, we thought about getting the balance right in our own lives. We began by testing our balance skills before playing hopscotch and Jenga. It became quite competitive! To celebrate Harvest we planted seeds in egg shells filled with cotton wool before toasting some marshmallows on our fire pit. At Christmas we made a lot of noise and mess in the back of the church at Ide Hill as we created our Yule logs.

A Church Near You | Barbara Lockey

'A Church Near You' is the Church of England's tool for finding local churches. All of the churches and cathedrals in England and across the Diocese in Europe are listed on the website. You can search the site to find a church by postcode or place.

As the parish doesn't have its own website, and the ACNY website is free with no admin or developer fees, we're now using this site to reach out to the community and keep them informed of services and one-off events.

The editor has customised a page for local events on the site for each village and on the Sundridge site, the Friends of St Mary's page takes you directly to their webpage at the click of a button.

The website for all churches is www.achurchnearyou.com and follow the instructions.

Do let the PCC know what you think of the site. Please remember it's 'work in progress' at the moment.

The Friends of Ide Hill Church Report for the APCM calendar year 2022 Lynne Rutherford Chairman

Trustees: Lynne Rutherford (Chairman), Debbie Seaton (Treasurer), Anne Beasley (Secretary), Liz Denbigh, Sally Bawn, David Upton, Andy Scott, Jane Belle, Jane Rossi.

With The Friends now fully established with 48 members, we are delighted to announce that we successfully achieved Charitable Status in October 2022, and are registered with HMRC as a charity so we can also claim Gift Aid on donations.

Our Christmas Tree Festival and Music concert have become an annual event, with tickets selling out very quickly. This has become a major fundraiser for us, including the auctioning of the Christmas trees which in December 2022 was highly entertaining with PJ Rutherford as the auctioneer!. The musicians have become a firm favourite, including George Hancock, our organist, Jane Rossi's daughter Abbie Cross, a violin teacher and Jennie Brown, recently retired after 40 years as a cellist with the London Symphony Orchestra.

We also held a Spring Concert in May. We are fortunate to have Jennie living in our village, as she is a popular attraction, bringing with her other professional musicians from her network, to give of their time. We are currently working with Jennie to bring a summer concert to the Church - the acoustics are wonderful!

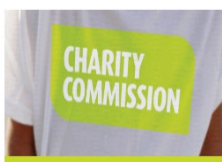
In April 2022 we held a joint Charity Golf Day with the Ide Hill CofE school which again proved to be a great success. We will probably do this as a biannual event with the school.

In November we were invited to co-host a meeting in the Church with The Ide Hill Society, where we heard from John Bailey, Architect known to most of us, Peter Wade, who does so much voluntarily to look after our lovely building, and Ruth Barrow, whose family have had such a long relationship with St Mary's Ide Hill.

The priority now for us is to follow due process under the guidance of Jane Belle and her infinite wisdom, in order to determine the feasibility and costs of installing an accessible toilet and a small tea station in the back of the Church. One of our Trustees is an architect with experience with listed buildings, and he has drawn up a few draft plans for consideration.

We will prepare the relevant documentation for a PCC resolution and arrange for a DAC visit before progressing further with this.

Our first AGM was postponed to February 2023 and so will be reported on at the next ACPM



St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC			Charity No (if any)
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01.01.2022	To	Period end date

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-
Voluntary income	givings& giftaid,grants	S01	42,132	7,825	
Activities for generating funds	fete, flower fes & mag	S02			
Investment income		S03	58		2,857
Fees weddigs and funerals and extras	church activities	S04	3,259	3,992	
Other incoming resources	Insurance claim	S05	2,900		
Total incoming resources			48,349	11,817	2,857
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)					
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-
Church activities	Offer,clergy costs,DBF	S07	25,911	932	
fund raising/admin costs	fete, Mag,admin	S08	1,060		
Church running costs	iInsurance ,heating etc	S09	15,450		
Charitable activities	Mission giving donations	S10	5	1,191	
Repair and maintenance	including major work	S11	3,745	2,315	
Other resources expended	Churchyard	S12	1,560	5,203	
Total resources expended			47,731	9,641	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers			618	2,176	2,857
Gross transfers between funds(church repair fund)		S15	743	2,114	- 2,857
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)			1,361	4,290	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17		-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets /Refunds		S18		380	- 13,444
Net movement in funds			1,361	4,670	- 13,444

Total funds brought forward	S20	57,198	90,048	117,965
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	S21	58,559	94,718	104,521

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Total this year	Total last year
£	£
F04	F05
-	-
49,957	44,659
-	2
2,915	2,767
7,251	4,618
2,900	7,857
63,023	59,903

-	-
26,843	29,048
1,060	725
15,450	13,702
1,196	750
6,060	1,271
6,763	5,679
57,372	51,175
5,651	8,728
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5,651	8,728

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- 13,064	14,782
- 7,413	23,510

265,211	
257,798	265,211

Section B

Balance sheet

		Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	(Notes 5&6)	B01	-	-	-
CRF		B02	-	78,004	
Investments	(Note 5)	B03	-		104,521
Total fixed assets		B04	-	78,004	104,521
Current assets					
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 7)	B06	8,920		-
(Short term) investments		B07			-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)		B08	50,202	17,204	-
Total current assets		B09	59,122	17,204	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 8)	B10	563	490	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	58,559	16,714	-
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	58,559	94,718	104,521
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		B13	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	-	-	-
Net assets		B15	58,559	94,718	104,521
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		B16	58,559		
		B17			
Restricted income funds		B18		94,718	
Endowment funds (Note 11)		B19			104,521
Total funds		B20	58,559	94,718	104,521

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
-	-
78,004	75,024
104,521	117,965
182,525	192,989

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8,920	8,516
-	
67,406	64,140
76,326	72,656

1,053	434
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75,273	72,222
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257,798	265,211
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58,559	57,197
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94,718	90,049
104,521	117,965

257,798	265,211
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Name	Date of approval
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Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting:

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS10 the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accc accounts of PCC's , and with Regulations "true and fair view" , FRS102(2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the Accounting and reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)). These cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in a

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Give details in this box if a different standard has been

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restrict “Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)”.

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation

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1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

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Note 2

Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: · the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and · the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	not applicable
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	not applicable
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	

not applicable

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)9a) and © of Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statement
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 3 (sheet1)****Analysis of incoming resources**

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of accounts.

	Analysis	This year £
Voluntary income	Planned giving so1	27563
	Tax recoverable so1	7748
	Grants for Disabled Toilet so1	1500
	LPWG for major works so1	
	Legacy so1	1100
	Recurring grants grass cutting so1	2000
	Donations restricted so1	2149
	Donations unrestricted so1	3401
	Collections restricted so1	1076
	Collections unrestricted so1	3420
	Insurance claim so5	2,900
	Total	52,857
Activities for generating funds	Fete and flower festival so2	
	Sale of parish magazine & advertising	
		-
		-
		-
	Total	-
Investment income	Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund so3	2,857
	Interest from deposit accounts so3	58
		-
		-
	Total	2,915
Incoming resources from church activities	Statutory Fees, weddings, funerals so4	3,259
	Supplimentary fees & DBF so4	3,992
Total income		-

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Last year
£
28,095
7,806
750
1,965
12
3,195
730
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Note 4

Analysis of resources expended

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader o

	Analysis	
Church Activities	Offer Diocese of Rochester & DBF	
	Clergy expenses & Rectory not included above	
	Offer & Clergy Costs	S07
	Admin costs	S08
	Church utilities	S09
	Church insurance	S09
	Church running expenses	S09
	Insurance Heating etc	
	Churchyard	S12
	Maintenance	S11
	Major works	S11
	Maintenance and major works	
		Total
Raising Funds	Fete	
	Magazine	
		Total
Investment management costs		
		Total
Donations to support wider mission work and charities outside the parish	Sharp memorial school for blind girls	S10
	Nordoff-Robbins	S10
	Porchlight Kent homeless people	S10
	Ukraine appeal	S10
	Childrens society	S10
	Churches together	S10
	Hospice in the Weald	S10
	Parish charity covid19	S10
	Friends of Rochester Cathedral	S10
	Friends of kent Churches	S10

Christian Aid	S10	Embrace Harvest collection	S10
Other			
Royal British Legion	S10		
			Total

Governance costs

	Total

of the accounts.

This year £	Last year £
20,932	22,494
5,911	6,553
26,843	29,047
1,060	725
4,272	2,588
7,548	7,302
3,630	3,812
15,450	13,702
6,763	5,678
6,060	1,271
6,060	1,271
56,176	50,423

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245	102
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211	
245	85
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20	20
10	10

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440	431
1,196	750

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-	-
57,372	51,173

Section C Note 5

Analysis of investments - permanent endowment funds (PE)

		10.2 Market value at year end
	Units	£
CBF Funds		
Sundridge Plender [churchyard and grave] a/c 1310011905	376	7,769
Sundridge Drabble [churchyard and grave] a/c 1310011916	302	6,240
Ide Hill Porter Endowment [benefice income] a/c 1310011826	2,975	61,468
Ide Hill Porter [churchyard and grave] a/c 131001446S	328	6,776
Ide Hill Ven Gray [churchyard and grave] a/c 131001145S	254	5,248
Ide Hill General a/c 631066001S	186	3,843
Ide Hill Goathurst Mission [fabric] a/c 131001472S div reinvested	271	6,279
Ide Hill Fabric a/c 631008001S	136	2,809
Bishop Porteous 131001526S	93	1,914

Other investments

Ide Hill Churchyard Daisy Smith bequest

Total investments

Note 6 Church repair funds - restricted income funds

	10 Value at year end
	£
Sundridge	
Balance as at 1 January	33,690
Contribution from general fund	2,900
Interest	175
Debit	- 700
Balance as at 31 December	36,065
Ide Hill	
Balance as at 1 January	41,334
Contribution from general fund	700
Interest	205
Debit	- 300
Balance as at 31 December	41,939
Total church repair funds	78,004

10.2
Market
value at
prior year
end
£
8,805
7,072
69,668
7,681
5,948
4,355
6,917
3,184
2,169
2,162

117,961
10
Value at
prior year
end
£
30,734
2,900
56
33,690
37,266
4,000
68
41,334
75,024

Section C (sheet 2)

Notes 7

Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due more than one year
	This year £	Last year £	This year £
Inland Revenue gift aid tax reclaim & VAT	7,747	7,806	-
Other debtors	1,173	710	-
Total	8,920	8,516	-

Note 8

Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

8.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due more than one year
	This year £	Last year £	This year £
Amounts owing to charities	490	86	-
Trade creditors			-
Other creditors	562	348	-
Total	1,053	434	-

Note 9

Cash

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Unrestricted funds held at HSBC

Treasurer current account and cash in hand

No 1 money manager account 3752

No 2 Money Manager account 1379

NW Community account

Unrestricted funds held with Diocesan

Total unrestricted

Restricted funds held at HSBC

No 2 money manager account - IH Fabric 3760

No 3 money manager Account Sundridge fabric 1387

total restricted

Total cash at bank and in hand

10.2 Funds at year end £
17,157
25,165
7,880
50,202
8,694
8,510
17,204
67,406

Note 10**Transfers**

Transfers between funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £
	F01	F02	F03
Church Repair Funds transfer	- 3,600	3,600	
From Sun Fabric	486	- 486	
Funds used from capital works & net movement in funds supported by cash	1,000	- 1,000	
Interest transferred to current accounts from endowment fund	2,857		- 2,857
Total Funds	743	2,114	- 2,857

Note 11**Endowment and restricted income funds****11.1 Movements of major funds**

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £
Sundridge Plender	8,805	-	-	-
Sundridge Drabble	7,072			
Ide Hill Porter	69,669			
Ide Hill Porter	7,681			
Ide Hill Ven Gray	5,948			
Ide Hill General a/c	4,356			
Ide Hill Goathurst	6,918			
Ide Hill Fabric	3,185			
Daisy Smith IH bequest	2,162			
Bishop Porteous	2,169			
		-	-	-
Total Funds	117,965	-	-	-

Total this year £	Total last year £
F04	F05
-	-
	-
-	-

Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
- 1,036	7,769
- 833	6,240
- 8,201	61,468
- 904	6,777
- 700	5,248
- 513	3,843
- 638	6,280
- 376	2,809
-	
13	2,175
- 255	1,914
- 13,444	104,521

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill PCC

I report on the accounts of charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. the charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Direction given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respects the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare account which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not met; or

(2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Julian Parkin

Signed

Address. 40 Church Road, Sundridge, Kent, TN14 6EA



Date. 31 March 2023

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England & Wales - Charity number 1173206

Accounts

The Parish of Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill



Annual Report 2021

Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill Parochial Church Council

Parish Churches:

St. Mary's Church, Sundridge; St. Mary's Church, Ide Hill; Toys Hill Hall (financially independent), Toys Hill

All in the Deanery of Sevenoaks, Archdeaconry of Tonbridge and Diocese of Rochester

Incumbent (from November 2015): The Revd Pamela Davies
Sundridge Rectory, Chevening Road, Sundridge, Kent, TN14 6AB,

PCC Membership:

The following comprises the PCC as at 31st December 2021:

Incumbent: Revd. Pamela Davies PCC Chair

Churchwardens:

Althea Chapman - Sundridge

Diocesan Synod Rep:

Jane Belle

Deanery Synod Reps:

Jane Belle

Trevor Davies

Elected Members:

Ed Dixon

Simon Pickard

P J Rutherford - Vice-Chair

Jane Rossi

Di Pickard – Parish Safeguarding Officer

Trevor Davies - PCC Secretary

Co-opted Members:

Sally Bawn

Treasurer:

Robert Skone James

PCC Report

The role of the PCC is to 'promote in the parish the whole mission of the Church by spreading the Christian Faith'.

The Covid pandemic continued to affect us for much of 2021 in various ways. The PCC once again extend their thanks to all the parishioners for their efforts in supporting the parish during those difficult times. There were some extra PCC meetings due to the extraordinary measures that had to be put in place during the year.

At the start of the year the Rector, Revd Pam Davies, unfortunately was admitted into hospital and was unable to return to ministry for the remainder of the year. The Rector has expressed how difficult this has been for the PCC and is grateful to the PCC and many others who have stepped up during the year to keep the church's going. Our thanks go to PJ for chairing meetings in her absence and all the members for their help at this time.

The PCC met on eight occasions in 2021. The first six were 'Zoom' online meetings, hosted from the Rectory, and chaired by the Vice-Chairman, PJ Rutherford. The final two were able to be held in person at Ide Hill Village hall. The APCM, on 28 April 2021, was a Zoom meeting. Recent changes to Church Representation Rules in 2020 now enable us to conduct electronic meetings for important matters between normal meetings. There were three of these during the year.

There were many topics discussed during the year. A number of discussions were had about coping with the parish needs in the absence of the Rector and talks are ongoing with the Diocese. We are grateful for their assistance in providing a regular Minister for a couple of services a month and the services of Revd Tim Edwards, providing pastoral care and some of the Offices. There was also still a need to discuss the Government guidelines and policies with regard to the Pandemic. However, it was possible to start conducting 'live' funerals and Baptisms in our churches, much to our delight.

Our grateful thanks go to our Safeguarding Officer, Di Pickard, for all her hard work. She has a very important role to fulfil in the life of the Parish and carries this out with great skill and enthusiasm, especially given that the job is immense and complicated.

After many years' service for the church at Sundridge, Ginny Ashworth stepped down as a PCC member but continues to support the church in many other ways and our thanks go to Ginny for that service to the parish.

There are still vacancies to serve on the PCC so why not consider standing for election? This is a vital part of our Parish work and you can contribute, not just for yourself, but on behalf of others as well to the life of our churches.

Trevor Davies
PCC Secretary

Safeguarding Report

During the year, no incidents have been reported to the safeguarding officer.

The pandemic continued to limit face to face activities. As private prayer and church services have begun to be allowed again, risk assessments have been undertaken to ensure compliance to ever changing Covid regulations and guidance.

Safeguarding Sunday (October 10th) was marked in the church service that day with a thoughtful sermon and prayers by Rev Canon Katrina Barnes.

Safeguarding training for the clergy and PCC members is up to date.

Diana Pickard - Parish Safeguarding Officer

St Mary's Sundridge - Churchwardens' Report

Covid was still with us in various mutant forms so it was, once again, a year of one step forward and sometimes one step back again.

Sadly, the Rector went on sick leave in January and was unable to be with us for the rest of the year. I would like to thank all the vast array of visiting clergy who made possible the continuing of services in our parish during our Incumbent's absence - and also give my immense thanks to Jane Belle who volunteered for the herculean task of arranging a rota so that we had a priest to take every one of our services, not just at Sundridge but also at Ide Hill and at Toys Hill. Zoom services also continued from February till July.

During lock-down (which lock-down? - it all seems to have melded into one in the memory), the church was open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays in order to comply with the necessity of having 72 hours to disinfect the church between openings. I am most grateful to those who participated in this.

On Mothering Sunday, with the church still not open, Jane Belle very generously provided posies which were distributed to families both within and beyond the immediate parish.

And, yea, on Easter Day, 4th April, we had our first live service for some time which was taken by Revd Lynette Leithead.

The death, and then funeral, of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh was marked in the village by the ringing of peels of muffled bells.

Our first wedding since lock down took place on July 31st and was a very joyous occasion indeed.

Our service of Harvest Thanksgiving took place on September 19th, earlier than usual but, as Jane Rosam – herself a farmer – said, that was appropriate, given how much earlier the gathering in of the harvest has now become.

Canon Katrina Barnes very kindly began to take two services a month within the parish in October and we are enormously grateful to her for her wonderful services, including our Remembrance Sunday service.

The school was still in lock-down mode in the run-up to the Christingle service, but we did hold the service nevertheless - having given the school the various component parts for them to make their own Christingles within the school – and it was delightful to welcome over 60 children and families from the villages to the service.

The Carol Service was cancelled, due to the spread of Covid at that stage. However, the Midnight Communion did take place.

We were very lucky to have George Hancock with us as our permanent organist and we were most grateful to him for his devoted playing for us at both churches.

I would like also to thank our wonderful teams of bell ringers and of flower arrangers – and a special vote of thanks to Peter Duke who spent many engineering hours trying to understand why the boiler kept conking out.

And, finally, I would like to express my huge gratitude to my co-Warden Barbara Lockey, who stood down as Churchwarden at the APCM in April after several years of dedicated and very innovative service. Her knowledge of village life has been of inestimable value, her outlook one always of optimism, enthusiasm, outgoingness and sheer hard work. Oh – and practicality – her professional understanding of the sound system and her detective abilities with the boiler were in constant demand. And are still as I write this in April 2022, as she continues to offer her unstinting support.

Althea Chapman

St Mary's Sundridge - Fabric Report

Despite Lockdown, during 2021 St Mary's Sundridge Fabric Committee (Althea Chapman, Barbara Lockey, Ginny Ashworth, Kenneth Ludlam and Jane Belle) were still busy keeping the church in good order, contact was mainly by email and telephone until October when a face to face meeting took place.

Design for **two Nave handrails** have finally been approved and a Faculty granted. We hope work will commence in June 2022.

Various webinars were attended on Church lighting, heating, metal theft and Net Zero Carbon and some of the information may be used in the future.

Bertie Boiler was serviced in September but our main thanks go to the talented Peter Duke who has done marvels, fitted the equipment necessary and caringly coaxed Bertie the Boiler to function.

Many thanks to Dean Gregory and Melody for blocking up the entrances into the Chancel at very high level that bees had discovered and were causing a nuisance

at Holy Communion (presumably they wanted to be blessed too!). Dean also treated the Tower Room partition to eliminate woodworm. Thanks once again to Nigel Belle for various repairs around the church and for restoring the **Bible Box**. This ancient oak box is quite an unusual item, even our esteemed conservation architect, John Bailey, has not seen one before. The usual clearing of gullies and removal of ivy and vegetation took place and the Memorial Stones in the churchyard were cleaned by some of the team. The Quinquennial Electrical Survey took place and the snaggings and minor defects found were addressed. The PAT and Fire Extinguisher tests took place. On 20th December the CCTV was serviced and it was found that the main “box” had failed. It was felt imperative that the system should be repaired a.s.a.p. with the long Christmas break looming and the fact that the church would not therefore be covered by insurance for any theft from the church or churchyard. Our very grateful thanks to The Friends for supporting this emergency and funding the replacement equipment. The Fabric Committee are very grateful to the Bell Captain, Rita Cox and Ringers, Maggie Amos and Joanne Rutter who keep the **belfry and ringing chamber** in good order.

Jane Belle

The Friends of St Marys Sundridge

President: Sir Michael Fallon, Chairman: Kenneth Ludlam, Secretary: Ginny Ashworth, Treasurer: Richard Dunckley, Committee: Neil Arnott, Jane Belle, Lyn Campbell, Lindsay Hofman, Barbara Lockey, ex officio member Rev. Pam Davies

2021 was a strange year – it started and ended with strict Covid restrictions but there were a few highlights in the middle! Most of the Friends committee meetings took place via Zoom as did the AGM in May. The officers were all re-elected and the Executive Committee remained the same as in 2020 with an additional member Barbara Lockey.

It was impossible to hold any of the usual events until July when a Garden Tea Party was held at The Red House (invitation of Nigel & Jane Belle). It was a glorious, sunny and hot day. The Friends worked hard to make this a success and there were over 70 visitors who had a truly scrumptious homemade tea! The visitors were delighted to be meeting with friends and making new ones, and felt safe in this open air location. Nigel put photographs showing the flowering of plants that had taken place earlier in the year. A classic MGA car was on display with a ride in it as one of the raffle prizes! Plant, produce stalls and raffle all helped raise a marvellous total of over £1,000.

On 4th August Bob Ogley gave us a treat with one of his amazing talks – this time about his life as a Newspaper Reporter – it was fascinating and following Covid rules the Friends managed to provide refreshments whilst many questions were asked of Bob.

Once again the Friends supported the brilliant suggestion by Sally Dunckley of organising a “Flowers on the Door”, this time held 7/8th August allowing everyone to join in by brightening their gates, doors and gardens and to share a little happiness with others.

The Friends final event for 2021 on 10th November was a talk by our Conservation Architect, John Bailey, and entitled “The Life of your Church Architect”. So very

interesting, he told us a little about some of the Cathedrals and other Churches he looks after. We are very fortunate that this very busy and dedicated man still loves St Mary's Sundridge and is prepared to continue as our architect.

The 3 events (two talks and the flowers on the doors) raised a marvellous £520 to help with the care and preservation of St Mary's Sundridge.

The postponed visit to Chevening House will take place in 2022 but unfortunately Bore Place are still uncertain about visits, so that outing is still 'on hold'.

Please view the marvellous Friends of St Mary's website (many thanks to Richard Dunckley who constructed and maintains it) to view pictures of these events and much more.

Jane Belle
PCC Representative for the Friends

St Mary's Ide Hill - Church Team Report

I would like to start with a huge thank you to our Ide Hill team who have kept our Church open as much as possible in 2021 doing much behind the scenes in a year where we had to be careful yet had much to be thankful for.

Things are always done by the people that show up in this world rather than those who have lots to say and I would like to pay tribute to our only Parish Church Warden, Althea Chapman, who does so much for our Parish all hours in the absence, sadly, of our incumbent Pam Davies who is still not able to be at work.

The year started with our Church only open two days a week for private prayer but Pam put some plans in place along with good ideas from others for Lent. Sadly Pam was hospitalised late January and has not been able to return, however The Worship in the Wilderness programme still continued to celebrate Lent. I would also pay tribute to our PCC secretary, Trevor Davies, who has done much to help cover Church matters while also taking care of Pam.

Ide Hill also enjoys much support from our friends from Sundridge and Toys Hill as we have tried to get on with our Church program and we thank all visiting clergy who have filled in. Of course, we are most fortunate to still have the services of Angela Baker and Ruth Barrow who do so much to help in our Parish.

One of the highlights of 2021 was the establishment of the Friends of Ide Hill Church which will raise money to help with improvements to our beautiful Church and well done to all who are involved and Jane Rossi for getting this up and running.

We also welcomed a new PCC Treasurer, Robert Skone James, who is doing an excellent job looking after our finances when Covid has affected our Church life.

Sadly, Sally and Peter Bawn have moved away. We would like to thank Sally for her help and support over the last two years and wish them every happiness in their new home.

As the restrictions allowed, we slowly managed to have services, baptisms and funerals and our thanks to all those who have done the safety assessments and controls to keep us all safe.

Trevor may have covered this in his report but although we are an active and willing team in Ide Hill, we are always looking for more helpers, readers, Wardens, sides men, cleaners and much more so if you are reading this and feel you could help then please get hold of Trevor or myself and be part of our team.

In 2021 we received a generous donation from The Ide Hill Community shop to replace our handrail from the gate to the Church and we also plan to repair the pathway in the near future.

We would also like to thank Rev Tim Edwards who has been helping with Pastoral care and zoom services etc as well as support in the absence of our Rector.

As ever there are many people who have helped us and thanks again go to the Bugle team for getting our news and notices out into the community that we are indeed open for business and a safe place for everyone to worship and feel welcome.

PJ Rutherford & St Mary's Ide Hill team.

Fabric Report St Mary's Ide Hill

In years past the handrail that runs alongside the path from the lychgate to the church had been repaired and sections replaced, but it was felt that its condition had deteriorated to the point where total replacement was required. The metal posts supporting the handrail were deemed to be fundamentally sound and were stripped and repainted. The handrail was replaced in its entirety, and stained and varnished in the style of the old one. We are very grateful to the management of the village shop in providing most of the funding for this essential work. The balance was provided by an anonymous donor from the village, to whom we also offer our thanks. Apart from this fairly large undertaking, work on the fabric of the church has been confined largely to maintenance of the floodlights in the churchyard, the wiring of the lights in the lychgate and various small, but necessary, repairs to the induction loop wiring and a ring main outlet in the church.

Peter Duke

St Mary's Church, Ide Hill - Churchyard Report

I would like to thank John Grundy most sincerely for his 35 years' service as Churchyard administrator in Ide Hill. John was also Church Warden in Ide Hill for many years and has handed over the Churchyard Admin to me until we find the right person for this role.

The Churchyard is kindly looked after by Paul and Maggie Meredith who allow us the services of their gardener with grass cutting, hedge trimming and much more besides.

The flowers in the Churchyard are admired by all throughout the year although a tidy up now and again is needed to collect old plastic tributes, vases, etc.

We have had requests from relatives looking for graves and also the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who sometimes check on graves they are responsible for and we try and accommodate all requests.

We were most grateful to be able to replace the timber handrail due to the donation from our village shop and this was done with advice from Peter Wade, who, along with Dr Neil Arnott, still attends to maintenance issues in the Church. Our thanks go to both Neil and Peter for all they do for our building and our most useful "Engineer" Peter Duke who attends to our Fabric including boiler, lights, heating, music etc.

It has been decided to use the same contractors/masons that are used in Sundridge and our thanks again to our hardworking Warden, Althea Chapman for setting this up.

The Churchyard continues to provide a resting place for the Parish and local community and lastly I would like to thank all who have helped to make these often solemn occasions go smoothly.

P J Rutherford

Toys Hill - Church Report

As last year, the year has been dominated by Covid, the accompanying restrictions on Worship and the Rector's illness.

Ed Dixon has, as he has over so many years, made sure that the fabric of the Hall and Chancel is kept in good condition, including organising the repair of the chancel ceiling - funded by the Village Hall Committee. We also held a very productive cleaning morning and thanks are due to Prue Seddon for organising the cleaning of the Brass.

Simon Pickard led Services until Jane Rosam and Rev. Adie McCall stepped in to lead formal services of Morning Worship and Holy Communion.

I can't emphasise enough how appreciated Jane and Adie are and this is reflected in the size of the Congregation. It's also lovely to see Jane in the Congregation when she isn't leading the Service.

The Services are pleasingly well attended and attract families who are new to the village as well as the usual suspects. Music was a mix of live playing by Helen Isom - who also donated 50 pre-loved hymn books - and recordings of Choirs, Gospel Singers and others.

Sadly, Carol Singing and the Crib Service - both heavily pre-booked - had to be cancelled.

We much appreciated Adie McCall coming along on Christmas Day to give us Holy Communion.

Thanks, as every year, to Ed Dixon for all his work in the running and setting up and to the cohort of readers, flower providers etc.

Simon Pickard

Deanery Synod Report

Area Dean, Rev Michael Gentry led the meetings together with Lay Chairman Brig. Ian Dobbie. In January Treasurer, Ron Drury stepped down and Rev Robin Jones was appointed. In April the Area Dean recommended to all Parishes “Thy Kingdom Come” a directive from Rochester Diocese being aware of the great challenges faced by so many over the last year, so they pivoted their resources to be (what is hoped) a real help to churches, schools or in the home a **gathered, online, or hybrid approach**. They also offered **huge free resources** for parishes in the hope that whatever age or tradition, these resources will spiritually nourish and encourage.

At the July Synod meeting elections for Diocesan Synod were held by Zoom for 2 lay members and 3 clergy. Brig. Ian Dobbie was elected. Clergy were not quorate so no election could take place. Rev Jane Winter gave a presentation on Living in Love and Faith; about sexuality and the Church of England. Anne le Bas reported on Anna Chaplaincy (dementia in old age) she is the Sevenoaks representative and willing to give talks to parishes.

Rev Michael Gentry retired as Area Dean to take up his new post as Associate Rector at Chelsfield with Green St. Green & Pratts Bottom. **Rev Canon Anne le Bas was appointed new Area Dean**. The Bishop of Rochester retired in July- his farewell party had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions. Appointment of new Bishop unlikely until Spring 2022. It was reported that Westerham’s new Rector is Rev David Fox-Branch; Brasted Church is suspended; and Rev Pam Davies, Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill is off sick. Other clergy are helping with services and Rev Tim Edwards with pastoral work. Rev James, vicar of Kemsing has moved to Scarborough. Rev Mandy Carr might take on Leigh as well because Rev Lionel Kevis is considering retirement next year.

Also reported were changes from May to **Marriage Registration** which is now done online. Parishes should keep their own records

The second Synod meeting held in November at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks – met in reality but all members required to wear masks. A video message was sent by Graham Wilkinson who is Archdeaconry Growth Enabler and adviser to Parishes. Keith Berry commentated. Gerry O’Brien explained the process about selection of the next Bishop of Rochester – 12 people are selected, then reduced to 5 men and 5 women, then further reduced to 4, in January 2022 a name will be submitted to the Queen for approval. A report about General Synod in July was accepted from Rev Angus MacLeay (retiring after a total of 22 years on General Synod) . He reported that there were many debates including safeguarding, links with Methodists, new slogan for CoE to be “simpler, humbler, bolder” **Living in Love and Faith** where there is much consultation to be done on this issue relating to human sexuality and it will be the new General Synod which will be involved in decision-making, probably at the end of 2022. The intention is for parishes to respond by the end of 2021, then these responses considered in 2022 by the

House of Bishops, followed by discussion at General Synod which might, possibly, result in a relevant resolution!

Jane Belle (*Standing Committee Deanery Synod*)

Diocesan Synod Report

There was a meeting in **March** via Zoom; Bishop Simon acknowledged the exhaustion and inertia that many people felt caused by the pandemic, no one knew what to expect or how they would feel. It had been like running a marathon, but the pandemic gave an amazing opportunity to do great things for the Lord and that all was needed to make the longed-for breakthrough was to work harder than ever before – like asking a marathon finisher to go and immediately run 1500 metres as fast as they could. And so the Church needed time to recover, its people needed to recover. And everyone had got to learn kindness for themselves as well as for others. Recovery would happen at different speeds, for different people and parishes, as surely as people's experience of Covid itself had varied.

The 5 points of mission were discussed and the role of Growth Enablers. Synod approved the review of the Called Together refocused priorities, namely:- (1) Enabling each church to be mission-minded; (2) Helping children, young people, and adults live out everyday faith in Jesus; (3) Supporting loving service in local communities; (4) Encouraging, and responding to, the prophetic voice of justice and peace; and (5) Protecting creation's life for future generations.

Clergy welfare was discussed and synod agreed to adopt the Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing, synod was also informed that the Clergy Disciplinary Measure was under review.

Finance for 2020: there was currently an operating deficit of approximately £0.9m slightly higher than budgeted but significantly lower than might have been feared earlier in the year. Parish Offers at the end of the year amounted to £8.39m (5.7% below budget). Mr Pope thanked parishes for the contributions they had been able to make. A Continuity Grant of £320,000 towards the Covid-related deficit had been received from the National Church Institutions. Cost savings of £214k below budget had been achieved. A total of 48 grants of £5,000 each were made to 37 parishes in the greatest need from the diocesan Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund. Safeguarding and Rochester Diocesan Spirituality Network reports were received.

The **June** meeting (zoom) was the last that Bishop James led as he retired in July. Synod adopted the 2020 accounts: income being £10.6M, costs £11.5M. **Diocesan elections for 2021-2024** took place, results for **Sevenoaks Deanery** were: House of Clergy: Rev Matt Taylor (St Nicholas). House of Laity: Mrs Jane Belle (Sundridge w Ide Hill & Toys Hill) Mr Gerry O'Brien (St Nicholas, Sevenoaks), Mrs Lela Weavers (Chevening) so two more lay people are required from our deanery and three more clergy. In October **General Synod elections** took place: Rev Tim Edwards, Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-Macduff and Jane Rosam all known to us and people who have helped our Parish were elected – please pray for them.

The final synod of the year took place in **November** Bishop Simon gave the Presidential address and announced the retirement of Ven. Dr Paul Wright Archdeacon of Bromley & Bexley in February 2022. There was an update on Safeguarding and Synod authorised the expenditure for the Common Fund not

exceeding £13.5M. Parish offers had fallen 19.2% over last 4 years. Funding required from a benefice is £79,000. Living in Love & Faith, Called Together and many other topics were reported on. In December I was appointed by Bishop's Council to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for a further 6 years much to my surprise and delight!

Jane Belle (Diocesan Synod & DAC)

Sharp Memorial School for the Blind

PM and Sumana Samuel, who joined the school 34 years ago and have done a brilliant job in building up the school, were due to retire December 2021 but sadly PM has died from COVID. However he had been preparing his successors, Ancy John, so she was able to step in and take over the running of the school. She has since been joined by Site Manager, Amik Singh. The school has been affected by COVID as the government forbade the boarding of children. So the teachers under Mrs Rogers have done as much online teaching as they could but not all the poorer children have access to the internet and also the young children need to learn social skills and tactile learning. The older girls were allowed back to take their external examinations.

Fortunately one of the last things PM was working on was an agreement from the government to accept money from overseas and Ancy was able to complete this so it is good we can still continue to send support to them.

Ruth Barrow

The Florence Harding Fund - Treasurer's Report

Income for the year fell to £4,256.86 (2020: £4,713.58) as a result of lower interest rates. Payments of £358.68 were made for Bibles.

The Balance Sheet shows that General Fund has increased to £181,984.47 (2020: £165,421.78) due to global stock markets holding up through the pandemic.

The Accumulated Income Fund, available for distribution at the discretion of the Rector, Church Wardens and PCC, (comprising cash held in commercial bank accounts and in Diocesan loan accounts) has a balance £33,433.76 (2020: £29,176.90).

The year-end valuation of the Florence Harding Fund has cash and investments to the value £215,418.23 as at the 31 December 2021 (2020: £194,598.68).

At the Florence Harding Trustees Committee meeting, following the Parish AGM, in April 2020 the Rector and Church Wardens were confirmed as Trustees. Mr Julian Parkin was appointed as Treasurer.

Julian Parkin

Bible Study and Prayer groups @Finches, Ide Hill

The Tuesday Bible Group has not been able to meet regularly during the year because of Covid restrictions.

However, we did meet on three consecutive Tuesdays during Advent. Six or seven of us enjoyed looking at Old and New Testament passages about the coming of Jesus.

The Friday Prayer Group met throughout the year when allowed, but by December numbers were so low it was decided to merge it with the Tuesday Group.

Angela Baker and Ruth Barrow

Sundridge and Brasted CEP School

We know that we can make a difference by showing kindness through our words and actions. We strive to have a positive impact every day.

January and February saw us in another lockdown situation with the school being closed to most of the children. Once again, we were open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children only. Our newly installed Microsoft Office 365 software proved to be a wonderful asset enabling our remote learning programme to be delivered to all children and accessed easily by all. We started every day with a 'Good Morning Everyone' session and finished with a whole school celebration, with each class delivering 2 live teaching sessions every day plus work and activities set online.

We also introduced a number of non-screen days which were extremely successful including live sessions with a drama coach, a local farm and World Book Day – all achieved with remote access and delivered to those at home and in school.

In March, it was so good to see everyone back in school and gradually, following Government guidance, we were able to broaden the school experience, re-introduce after school activity clubs, visitors and trips. We established links with pen pals in Brazil through the Sevenoaks partnership and a care home in Cumbria through the Literacy Trust and participated in a NewsWise programme courtesy of the Guardian newspaper organisation.

Our History week was a great success as we worked from family trees, to local history, to British history and then world history events encompassing research, art, design and technology and presentation skills throughout the week. The highlight of the week was our visit from Mr Tony Hall who came into school to talk about the village, the changes through the years and his life here. He kindly brought newspaper articles, photograph albums and medals to share with us which were fascinating and a wonderful addition to the week's activities and learning.

We were delighted to be able to end the academic year with a whole school sports event with parents attending and a wonderful day trip to Drusilla's Zoo for all the

children which were lovely finales to a troubled and difficult year of COVID related guidance and concerns.

In September we returned to school with a full complement of children and staff ready to engage in a new year, full of potential and hopefully, free of prohibitive COVID restrictions. September also saw the start of our collaboration with Kemsing Primary School, as I took on the role of executive head there. I head up both schools; spending half the week with each school and working closely with each staff team and school community. We share resources, expertise and training for the benefit of both school communities. It is a challenging role but working well.

We resumed swimming lessons at Radnor House, and Mr Lopez from St Michael's Prep School joined us to run additional PE sessions with all classes and Sevenoaks School sent us students once a week to help in classes and run a mud kitchen for the Early Years children. We were also able to participate in local sports events which were scaled down somewhat in order to comply with COVID guidance but it was great to be able to meet children and staff from other schools.

Dr Sue Leather from Westerham Church joined us to lead Collective Worship once a week and additional special services in school.

We continued throughout the year to support the wider community by raising awareness through activities in school and raising money to donate to charities; Loaves and Fishes foodbank; #helloyellow; Children in Need; the British Legion and Save the Children UK.

During the summer holidays we were able to install double height fences around our football pitch plus permanent football posts and basketball hoops in the top playground. We also re-tarmacked the front playground which now doubles as a roadway complete with junctions, parking bays and stop signs, which all make a wonderful addition to our Early Years' provision.

We are also immensely grateful to Mr and Mrs Jack for the extended use of their grounds during lockdown and into the summer term. The additional space to exercise and play was very much appreciated.

With regard to COVID itself, we were extremely fortunate to be COVID free for much of the year but after September the number of cases was consistent but very low. Just one of our teachers tested positive during the year.

FOSBS (Friends of Sundridge & Brasted School) were also busy when restrictions allowed and organised a number of fun, fund raising, activities for the children. I am grateful for their support, time and energy. The money they raise enables us to purchase additional resources for the children.

In other news, we now have a defibrillator kindly donated to us by the Sevenoaks CPR Charity. After raising sufficient funds to purchase the cabinet, we installed the defibrillator unit on the outside of the school building, for use by the school and the community.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, our parents and the community for their support throughout the year. It has been a challenging year for the staff who all

worked incredibly hard to offer the best possible learning for the children, throughout the early lockdown and in school and I am immensely proud of them all and grateful for their hard work and commitment to the school. We have a wonderful team, both governors and staff, committed to providing an inspiring learning environment for the children, ensuring that they all reach their potential and enjoy a broad and engaging experience throughout their years with us. The children and families have also been amazing, handling the year with great fortitude, creativity and strength.

With very best wishes to you all. I hope you continue to stay safe and well.

Tom Hardwick
Headteacher, Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School,

Ide Hill School

Whilst 2021 was another year with much to celebrate, it was not without its challenges! By living our vision of “do everything in love” and harnessing the metier, resilience and fortitude of our whole school community, the Ide Hill Primary School community continued to flourish throughout the year.

As we returned to school in January there were only a small number of children attending, with the vast majority of our children learning from home. Our staff team were working exceptionally hard each day to facilitate learning for children both on and offsite and our parents gave a valiant effort as they juggled their home/work commitments to supervise remote learning. We were so impressed with the way families rose to this challenge. As we worked throughout lockdown, we made sure that we reminded all of our stakeholders to be kind to themselves and our key focus was on supporting one another, ensuring that families were safe as we got through the difficult times together.

In February we celebrated Children’s Mental Health week with a variety of activities to support the theme “express yourself”. This included a Zoom celebration whereby children could dress in any way that helped to express themselves; we had a range of different outfits on show during the session including football kits, gymnastic leotards, a cowboy hat, sparkly skirts, lego tops and favourite jumpers worn!

As Spring approached, we were delighted that most children had returned physically to school. We celebrated World Book Day in March which is always a thoroughly enjoyable day. Also in March our PE Coach, Mr Taylor, jetted off to Montserrat to play at the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers on both the 25th March and the 28th March. The children thoroughly enjoyed keeping up with games remotely and we of course had regular updates from Mr Taylor himself.

As we moved into the Summer Term, the school supported various fundraising events including raising over £1,000.00 for the Rojo Rojo Orphanage in Kenya. We were determined that our School Sports Day would go ahead as usual. Our entire school community had a wonderful day celebrating success and participation.

The children enjoyed several school trips throughout the summer, including Carrotty Wood Activity Centre in July, as well as a school trip to Hever Castle, which included an introduction to triathlon events.

Our Year 6 leavers' assembly was, as always, a fabulous occasion and the whole school community were sad to see the children leave us but we had the knowledge that they will continue their academic path with the determination and sense of fun that they were known for at Ide Hill.

As always, the holidays flew by and we soon returned to school in September. It was extremely nice to start the term with slightly more normality than in the recent past, but we were mindful that our children had experienced very fragmented schooling due to the pandemic and we were therefore focused on catering for not only their educational needs but also their emotional and social ones in order to get them ready for learning. The last time our year 6 children experienced a full school year, they were in year 3. This means that our children in reception and KS1 have never experienced a full school year. The Harvest Festival was much enjoyed by our children and families donated generously to the food collection.

The Autumn Term was extremely busy! Due to the parental leave of our Headteacher, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Caroline Cain as our Interim Executive Head and Miss Jeanine Johnson as our Acting Head of School. We celebrated Remembrance Sunday by having a whole school collective worship led by year 6. This focussed on people from the commonwealth who fought in the World Wars and the children shared poetry they had written. Elsewhere in the school, every class made poppy wreaths and talked about the War along different themes. Year 3 looked at the War from the perspective of the children who were affected by it and made a poppy wreath in the shape of a rainbow. Year R looked at a cbeebies video about remembrance. Year 2 explored remembrance by looking at the service animals who helped during the war and made a purple poppy wreath. We took the wreaths up to church where they were used as our contribution to their remembrance service last Sunday.

Sparkle and Shine, Anti-bullying week, Children in Need and the start of Nativity rehearsals also kept us busy. The school nativity "Hey Ewe" was once again a roaring success as the children dazzled with their performances.

As 2021 came to a close, we had much to celebrate and ended with a sense of positivity, thankfulness and hope.

Jeanine Johnson
Acting Head of School

St Mary's Bell Ringers, Sundridge

After a long break from ringing, we were very pleased to be able resume practice and ringing for services in May. We were, after a break of several years, very pleased to welcome back to ringing, Paul Brown. New learner Ginny is making excellent progress and is almost ready to join the band to ring for services.

Despite restrictions, our Captain, Rita, was able to toll a bell when the death of The Duke of Edinburgh was announced, and again on the day of his funeral. The bells were also rung for the funerals of Donald Brown, Bryan Lockey, and Alan Norman.

Three of the ringers took part in the basic safeguarding course,

We had a visit by a band of ringers from Basingstoke, who completed a peal, and another visit by a band from Kingston, who completed a quarter peal.

In November, Rita tolled a bell 100 times to commemorate 100 years since the founding of the Royal British Legion.

We understand that the concern over emergency lighting on the stairs, is soon to be resolved.

Anyone interested in visiting the tower or learning to ring, can contact Rita Cox (captain) on 01732 750324 or email maggieamos43@yahoo.co.uk

Maggie Amos

St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC

Finance Report year ending Dec 2021

I took over as Treasurer from Maria Lewington in May 2021 and I am very grateful for all her help since then and indeed her help continues as I get to grips with so many new issues!

The accounts have been independently examined and summarised in the accompanying spreadsheet. Like 2020, 2021 has been a difficult year due to the pandemic. We have to continue to pay for utilities, insurances and other costs whether we hold services or not. We are indebted to our regular givers who have enabled us to do that and to put on some services when the law permitted. We also managed to claim some compensation from our insurance for the fact that the Rector was incapacitated since Jan 2021 and with that, and a substantially reduced offer to the Diocese, we have managed to achieve a small surplus.

Gift Aid from HMRC and VAT from the LPWG Scheme has been claimed for the year and are included in the accounts.

The PCC's offer to the Diocese of Rochester was £22,000 (down from £33,345.00 in 2020), and the nominated charities by the PCC received £750.00

I am grateful to the Church warden and others who have made sure that our funds are utilised sensibly and prudently.

I especially wish to thank Fiona Parkin, Paul Beasley and Ed Dixon for managing & banking the weekly collections and providing me with detailed documentation.

Finally, on behalf of the PCC, thank you to Julian Parkin our Independent Examiner who has kindly spent a considerable amount of his own time examining the PCC's accounts.

A full set of accounts is available

Robert Skone James
Hon Treasurer



St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC		Charity No (if any)	1173206
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01.01.2021	To	Period end date 31.12.2021

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year
			Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds	
			£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	givings& giftaid,grants	S01	41,952	2,707		44,659
Activities for generating funds	fete, flower fes & mag	S02	2			2
Investment income		S03	4		2,763	2,767
Fees weddings and funerals and extras	church activities	S04	2,342	2,276		4,618
Other incoming resources	Insurance claim	S05	7857			7,857
Total incoming resources		S06	52,157	4,983	2,763	59,903
Resources expended (Note 4)						
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-	
Church activities	Offer,clergy costs,DBF	S07	28,567	481		29,048
fund raising/admin costs	fete, Mag,admin	S08	725			725
Church running costs	insurance ,heating etc	S09	13,702			13,702
Charitable activities	Mission giving donations	S10		750		750
Repair and maintenance	including major work	S11	1,271			1,271
Other resources expended	Churchyards	S12	1,841	3,838		5,679
Total resources expended		S13	46,106	5,069	-	51,175
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		S14	6,051	- 86	2,763	8,728
Gross transfers between funds(church repair fund) (Note 10)		S15	- 4,137	6,900	- 2,763	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		S16	1,914	6,814	-	8,728
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets /Refunds		S18		124	14,658	14,782
Net movement in funds		S19	1,914	6,938	14,658	23,510
Total funds brought forward		S20	55,284	83,110	103,307	241,701
Total funds carried forward		S21	57,198	90,048	117,965	265,211

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**Total last
year
£**

F05

-
49,117
150
2,894
3,541
55,702

-
34,670
716
13,035
1,217
10,869
5,452
65,959
- 10,257
-
- 10,257

-
7,227
- 3,030
241,701

Section B Balance sheet

		Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	(Notes 5&6) (Note 6)	B01	-	-	-	-
		B02	-	75,024		75,024
Investments	(Note 5)	B03	-		117,965	117,965
Total fixed assets		B04	-	75,024	117,965	192,989
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 7)	B06	8,516		-	8,516
(Short term) investments		B07			-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)		B08	49,029	15,111	-	64,140
Total current assets		B09	57,545	15,111	-	72,656
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 8)	B10	348	86	-	434
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	57,197	15,025	-	72,222
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	57,197	90,049	117,965	265,211
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		B13	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	-	-	-	-
Net assets		B15	57,197	90,049	117,965	265,211
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds		B16	57,197			57,197
		B17				-
Restricted income funds		B18		90,049		90,049
Endowment funds (Note 11)		B19			117,965	117,965
Total funds		B20	57,197	90,049	117,965	265,211

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	PJ Rutherford



**Total last
year
£**

F05

-
68,000
103,307
171,307

-
8,219
62,175
70,394

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70,394

241,701

-
-

241,701

55,284
-
83,110
103,307

241,701

Date of approval

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting:

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102, the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounts Regulations 2011, and with Regulations "true and fair view", FRS102(2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the Accounting and reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)). These accounts are prepared on a cost basis (except that investments are shown at market value) in a

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)
- and with*

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 Accounting Standards;
- or

 Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

Give details in this box if a different standard has been used

* -Tick as appropriate:

- ☐ if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given
- ☐ if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then tick the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation basis, depreciation, etc.)

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete this section

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made

§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete this section

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12. the financial statements have been prepared under
accounting regulations 2006 governing the individual
it is also the first year they have been prepared under
2016 version of Statement of recommended Practice,
accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic
accordance with:

recommended Practice (SORP 2005);

Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);

followed.

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Note 2

Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	not applicable
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	not applicable
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	not applicable

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)9a) and © of Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statement
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 3 (sheet1)****Analysis of incoming resources**

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Planned giving so1	28095	28,797
	Tax recoverable so1	7806	7,797
	Grants for Disabled Toilet so1		
	LPWG so1		1,536
	Recurring grants grass cutting so1	1965	1,965
	Legacy so1	750	
	Donations restricted so1	12	2,180
	Donations unrestricted so1	3195	5,033
	Collections restricted so1	730	172
	Collections unrestricted so1	2106	1,637
	Insurance claim so5	7857	
	Total	52,516	49,117
Activities for generating funds	Fete and flower festival so2	2	
	Sale of parish magazine & advertising		150
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	2	150
Investment income	Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund so3	2,763	2,851
	Interest from deposit accounts so3	4	43
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	2,767	2,894
Incoming resources from church activities	Statutory Fees, weddings, funerals so4	2,342	2,360
			-
			-
	Supplementary fees & DBF so4	2276	1,180
		-	-
Total income	Total	59,903	55,701

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

		This year £	Last year £
Church Activities	Analysis		
	Offer Diocese of Rochester & DBF	22,494	28,729
	Clergy expenses & Rectory not included above	6,553	5,941
	Offer & Clergy Costs S07	29,047	34,670
	Admin costs S08	725	716
	Church utilities S09	2,588	3,963
	Church insurance S09	7,302	7,553
	Church running expenses S09	3,813	1,519
	Insurance Heating etc	13,702	13,035
	Churchyards S12	5,679	5,452
	Maintenance S11	1,271	3,223
	Major works S11		7,646
	Maintenance and major works	1,271	10,868
Total		50,423	64,741
Raising Funds	Fete	-	-
	Magazine	-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Donations to support wider mission work and charities outside the parish	Sharp memorial school for blind girls S10	102	
	Nordoff-Robbins S10	102	
	Childrens society S10	85	
	Churches together S10		15
	Hospice in the Weald Parish charity covid19 S10		1,000
	Friends of Rochester Cathedral S10	20	20
	Friends of kent Churches S10	10	10
	Christian Aid S10 Embrace Harvest collection S10		172
	Royal British Legion S10	432	
Total		750	1,217
Governance costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	51,173	65,958

Section C Note 5

Analysis of investments - permanent endowment funds (PE)

CBF Funds

Sundridge Plender [churchyard and grave] a/c
Sundridge Drabble [churchyard and grave] a/c
Ide Hill Porter Endowment [benefice income] a/c
Ide Hill Porter [churchyard and grave] a/c 131001446S
Ide Hill Ven Gray [churchyard and grave] a/c
Ide Hill General a/c
Ide Hill Goathurst Mission [fabric] a/c 131001472S div
Ide Hill Fabric a/c
Bishop Porteous

Other investments

Ide Hill Churchyard Daisy Smith bequest

Total investments

Note 6 Church repair funds - restricted income funds

Sundridge

Contribution from general fund
Interest
Debit
Balance as at 31 December

Ide Hill

Balance as at 1 January
Contribution from general fund
Interest
Debit

Balance as at 31 December

Total church repair funds

CBF a/c Number

Units	10.2 Market value at year end	10.2 Market value at prior year end
	£	£
131001190S	376	8805.21
131001191S	302	7072.27
131001482S	2,975	69668.85
131001446S	328	7681.14
131001145S	254	5948.2
631066001S	186	4355.77
131001472S	295	6917.94
631008001S	136	3184.86
131001526S	93	2169.22
	2162	2,157
	117,965	103,306
	10 Value at year end	10 Value at prior year end
	£	£
	30734.05	27,746
	2900	2,900
	55.89	88
	33,690	30,734
	37266.02	36,145
	4000	4,000
	68.16	111
	-	2,990
	41,334	37,266
	75,024	68,000

Section C (sheet 2)

Notes 7 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due more than one year
	This year £	Last year £	This year £
Inland Revenue gift aid tax reclaim & VAT	7,806	7,796	-
Other debtors	710	423	-
Total	8,516	8,219	-

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

8.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due more than one year
	This year £	Last year £	This year £
Amounts owing to charities	86		-
Trade creditors			-
Other creditors	348		-
Total	434	-	-

Note 9 Cash

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Unrestricted funds held at HSBC

Treasurer current account and cash in hand

No 1 money manager account 3752

No 2 Money Manager account 1379

Unrestricted funds held with Diocesan

Total unrestricted

Restricted funds held at HSBC

Money manager account Ivy Trodd 0832 (Acc closed)

No 2 money manager account - IH Fabric 3760

No 3 money manager Account Sundridge fabric 1387

total restricted

Total cash at bank and in hand

10.2 Funds at year end £
23899.35
25129.73
49,029
0
8681.82
6428.72
15,111
64,140

illing due after an one year
Last year £
-
-
-

illing due after an one year
Last year £
-
-
-
-

10.2 Funds at prior year end £

21,937
25,127
47,065
1
8,681
6,428
15,110
62,175

Note 10 Transfers

Transfers between funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £
	F01	F02	F03	F04
Church Repair Funds transfer	- 6,900	6,900		-
Funds used from capital works & net movement in funds supported by cash in the bank				
Interest transferred to current	2,763		- 2,763	
Total Funds	- 4,137	6,900	- 2,763	-

Note 11 Endowment and restricted income funds

11.1 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £
Sundridge Plender	7,703	-	-	-	1,102
Sundridge Drabble	6,187				885
Ide Hill Porter	60,950				8,719
Ide Hill Porter	6,720				961
Ide Hill Ven Gray	5,204				744
Ide Hill General a/c	3,811				545
Ide Hill Goathurst	5,891				1,027
Ide Hill Fabric	2,786				399
Daisy Smith IH bequest	2,157				5
Bishop Porteous	1,898				271
		-	-	-	
Total Funds	103,307	-	-	-	14,658

Total last year £
F05
-
-
-
-
-

Fund balances carried forward £
8,805
7072.27
69668.85
7681.14
5948.2
4355.77
6917.94
3184.86
2162
2169.22
117,965

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sundridge with Ide Hill and Toys Hill**

I report on the accounts of charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. the charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Direction given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respects the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare account which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not met; or

(2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Julian Parkin

Signed



Address. 40 Church Road, Sundridge, Kent, TN14 6EA

Date. 16 March 2022