

**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!

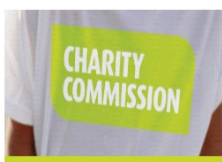
In April 2022 we held a joint Charity Golf Day with the Ide Hill CofE school which again proved to be a great success. We will probably do this as a biannual event with the school.

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
	-
5,651	8,728

-	-
- 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

-	-
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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257,798	265,211
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58,559	57,197
-	
94,718	90,049
104,521	117,965

257,798	265,211
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Name	Date of approval
Belle	

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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 Accounting Standards;
- or
- and with the Charities Act.

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

Give details in this box of any material changes that ha

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1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

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accounts

2. 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:

nmended Practice (SORP 2005);

Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);

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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		-

the
Last year
£
28,095
7,806
750
1,965
12
3,195
730
2,106
7,857
52,516
2
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-
2
2,763
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-
2,767
2,342
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-
2,276
-

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
	102
211	
245	85
20	
20	20
10	10

5	
440	431
1,196	750

-	-
-	-
-	-
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

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

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Last year £
-
-
-
-

10.2 Funds at prior year end £

23,899
25,130
-
49,029
8,682
6,429
15,111
64,140

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