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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 Lockey,
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*

✓✓

 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 £
Analysis			
Church Activities	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