

TRUSTEES OF NORTHFLEET & ROSHERVILLE PCC

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2021

Aims and purposes

Northfleet and Rosherville Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Hall on both sites.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC acknowledged that the year in question would again be a difficult year financially with the Pandemic still showing no sign of abatement and the continued closure of both churches for part of the year, but bills still had to be paid and maintenance of the buildings still had to be carried out, especially at St Mark's, where their Quinquennial was carried out early in 2021. Members on the electoral roll were encouraged to increase their giving to ensure that we did not have a deficit in our accounts at the end of the year.

The events committee looked at different ways of raising funds. When the churches finally opened a 50/50 Club was started up in the Parish, together with raffles, Christmas Fair, The Big Local Day and Advent Angel Day, coffee mornings. These events enabled us to increase our income over the previous year.

Structure, Governance & Management

St Botolph's Church, Northfleet and St Mark's Church, Rosherville are both part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Northfleet & Rosherville PCC, c/o The Vicarage, 123 London Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 9NH.

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (number 1185604). All PCC members are Charity Trustees.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC –

Rev Cyril Showers – Priest- in -Charge - Ex Officio

Marion Fielder-White – Reader and Pastoral Assistant – Ex Officio

Wendy Waller – Church Warden – also Deanery Synod member – Ex Officio

Pauline Hickmott – Church Warden – Ex Officio

Steve Kench-Cannon – Church Warden to 16 May 2021, then Co-Opted to PCC from 28 September 2021

Sarah Jones – Church Warden – Ex Officio

Keith Major – Church Warden May 2021 elected – Ex Officio

Lynn Ruddock – PCC Member

Tony Cossons – PCC Member – resigned 16 May 2021

Gill Graves – PCC Member

Penny Scott-Beaulieu – PCC Member

Barbara Osborn - PCC Member, also Deanery Synod member – Ex Officio

Ann Macleod – PCC Member

Rosaline Griffiths – PCC Member

Beryl Shand –PCC Member – resigned 16 May 2021

Martin Fielder-White – Co-opted as PCC Secretary

The full PCC met 6 times during the year – 2 face to face and 4 on Zoom. If any Committees met between PCC Meetings the minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

Some of the subjects under discussion have been the urgent works to be undertaken at St Mark's Church following their Quinquennial Inspection, closure of Churches due to Pandemic but open for Private Prayer, opening of both church halls and the charging policy, works carried out to the Roof & Buttresses at St Botolph's, Electoral Roll, Safeguarding; as well as regular PCC business and care of the fabric of both churches.

PCC Committees

Standing & Finance Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. This committee also deals with the finance including budgets.

Fabric Committee

This committee deals with the church and hall maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard and curtilage of both churches.

Worship Committee

This includes the worshipping life of the church, Confirmation and courses at Advent and Lent.

Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll stands at 122, with 87 at St Botolph's Church and 35 at St Mark's Church, as reported to the APCM on 16 May 2021 with no alterations to numbers as at 31 December 2021.

Usual Sunday Attendance

The average Sunday attendance, counted during October 2021 the month that the Church of England requests statistical information, was 35 adults at St Botolph's and 18 adults at St Mark's.

Address of our Bankers –

Barclays Bank UK PLC

Kingston Branch

Leicester

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Address of the Independent Examiner –

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

I expect some of you may not know that when the congregation leave church on a Sunday and the clergy have packed their bag and returned to their homes there remains a team of little guardians who are busy in our church till next Sunday. They keep our church lovely and clean, Hoover, polish, wash floors, wash and iron the linen, keep the flowers watered and fresh. Then outside they go to keep our Memorial Garden clean and tidy and keep the outside car park clean, go up the ladder to check the gutters and lots of jobs that no one knows about. Except our Church Mice. Thank you to all of you that spend hours helping to keep our church in tip top condition. We would also like to recruit more!

What another difficult year this has been at least we were able to fund raise a little so our finances were not affected like last year. The church closed after our Epiphany Service due to Covid restrictions but this did not stop the workmen starting on our roof project, the weather was not kind on many days but after weeks we are glad to say it was completed on time.

We opened our church again on Palm Sunday so we were able to celebrate Holy week and Easter. Restrictions were still in place and our congregation gradually returned. We would like to thank David for playing the organ every week from when we opened and was joined by a few members of our choir and David Showers, thank you to you all.

We were so pleased that the restriction on choirs was changed enabling our choir to return for our Patronal Service in June, thank you for your amazing voices making our church come alive again.

On June 30th we were visited by the Saint Sigfrid's Pilgrims on their journey, food was shared and eaten together with some of our congregation. Wendy then walked with them to Rochester their next port of call. They have since written a book on their journey and we are featured in it with photographs to say we were excellent hosts!

July 10th Fund raising at last! We held a Market on the Path but due to bad weather it was indoors but was good to see people and we actually made a profit for church funds. Our next fund raising was a joint effort with The Big Local Love life and Community Spirit. This was on August Bank Holiday Monday with many stalls with games and fun for all which gave a healthy profit over £700. Next was Ride and Stride on 12th September Shane and Penny were our cyclist and walker not forgetting Penny's Granddaughter. We had a small grant for our roof from this fund so were very grateful to Shane and Penny to be able to support this. Thank you to all three.

The returning to school saw St Botolph's having their first Eucharist actually in church, it was good to see the whole school once again. The Stewardship Campaign was launched at the beginning of September and we were pleased that volunteers came forward to help at the services. This was followed by Harvest where parents were allowed this time and so much Harvest giving which was amazing. This started our Harvest weekend followed by a Harvest

Lunch on the Saturday, yes, we actually were catering again. A beautiful Choral Harvest Service on the Sunday concluded a weekend which felt a little normal.

The confirmation was held at St Georges Church where some of our congregation were confirmed but due to restriction only the candidates and family were allowed and Clergy.

Our uniformed groups slowly returned in September also Julie our cleaner who does an amazing job. We have three new groups joining us COGS, Well Being and A.B.C. Boxing this means our hall income is healthier than before.

We held our first monthly Lunch Club in October which has proved to be very popular with a Christmas lunch that was amazing with support from St Botolph's School Choir and David Showers. Afternoon tea also returning and like the lunch club the Christmas one was so festive thank you to Christine and her Choir.

Christmas fund raising had the green light which started with Our Christmas Market followed by our Angel Festival on Advent weekend and Our Christmas Fair which raised over £1000 so we were getting back to NORMAL.

It was good raising monies for our Parish but we have also supported outside organisations like Poverty and Hope, Christian Aid, Macmillan, The Children's Society, The British Legion , Salvation Army and Sanctuary Gravesend.

We are so grateful to our congregation's response to give less fortunate families of St Botolph's School a better Christmas by delivering bags of Christmas Sparkle to these Families.

Through the year we had many repair issues, Tiles off the roof again and water dripping into buckets and pumping out of drain pipes outside. Our fire inspection took place also P.A.T. testing, Boiler was serviced, Organ serviced. Luckily a light fell down in the hall thank goodness it was during the night! The hall lights have now been replaced. We mentioned before Covid that the Hall way and Toilets were to be decorated this is imminent.

Our Christmas was amazing with many services for all to enjoy. We started with Epiphany 2021 and also ended with a tear-jerking service with our three Kings Robert David and Alan for Epiphany 2022.

We would like to thank our amazing Choir, David and Christine whose organ playing is really appreciated.

We would like to express our thanks to our reader and Pastoral Assistant Marion and Father Cyril for their guidance, support and great worship. Thank you also to Martin Fielder White our PCC Secretary and Colin Taylor our Treasurer for their hard work and continued support.

All our efforts go towards trying to ensure that our church is not just a handsome building but also a warm and friendly caring group of people who worship together and welcome everyone. We hope 2022 will be a better one.

Wendy Waller and Pauline Hickmott.

St Botolph's Church Wardens.

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR ST MARK'S CHURCH

We started 2021 with the whole country in lockdown. The churchwardens in post then were Steve Kench-Canon and Sarah Jones.

We would like to thank Fr Cyril, Marion, Fr Joe, Walter Caulker-Johnson and Richard Scarff for their unstinting support at our services during 2021.

At the end of 2020 we had discovered significant damage to our parquet floor and a ceiling tile had fallen and was wet. Initially we were getting flooring contractors in to quote for replacement flooring, but this was proving to be extremely expensive.

Inspection of the Community Room showed that the repair carried out in October 2020 had not been done properly, and there was extensive water ingress with mould growing on the walls. It was so disheartening to see our Church in such a sorry state.

At the end of February John Bailey from Thomas Ford Architects, who was later appointed to undertake our Quinquennial Inspection, came to give a brief inspection of St Marks. He felt that our floor could be repaired, which we were really pleased about. He also said he thought the ceiling tiles were getting wet from occasional ingress of water via the mitred hips on the apex roof. He stated he didn't believe that even if more tiles did fall from the ceiling it wouldn't be a hazard as they would float rather than come down quickly.

In June we eventually found a company who could repair our floor, Kent Wood Flooring, who had worked on another local church hall floor. They were awarded the contract and started work on the floor in June. It took a week to complete, and the restored floor looks amazing.

At the beginning of March Gravesham Borough Council had contacted us because they were holding local elections and we are a designated polling station. At this point the floor had not been repaired, so a meeting was arranged with GBC and the Wardens to devise a plan to make the church safe for use for the elections in May. The plans were put into action and the election successfully took place in May. We were very pleased to be able to continue with this valuable service to the community.

In May we had our APCM and Steve Kench-Canon did not want to renew his tenure as Church Warden. Keith Major had said he was willing to stand and was duly elected to replace him.

Our Quinquennial inspection took place in April and the main urgent areas requiring attention were the floor, the Community room roof and the damaged caused by the leak, and inspection of the internal and external apex roof.

In June we started to search for a roofer to replace the Community room roof. After obtaining 3 quotations the PCC approved A Wise Roofing to undertake the work. They have done an excellent job and the room is now weatherproof. Once the roofing was completed, we went through the same process again to find a plasterer to deal with all the internal damaged caused by the water ingress. The PCC approved GSR Plastering would undertake this work, and this was completed in December.

In July we had two generous donations towards the refurbishment of our kitchen: flooring and a new cooker. Keith laid the flooring, and the cooker was installed by a registered gas fitter. This has improved the kitchen to some degree, but it still needs replacement cupboard and drawer fronts and work tops. It will also need painting.

On Tuesday July 6th after 14 months closure, we were finally able to open St Mark's for silent prayer twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our congregation were so happy to be able to come back to St Mark's and sit and pray together, even if it was in a socially distanced manner.

At one of our silent prayer sessions we were fortunate to have sermon/Bible study presentation by Rosaline Griffiths on Psalm 8. Speaking about God's love for us shown in the wondrous gifts he has given us on this earth; to make us flourish not flounder; to reflect on our own life and what we mean to God and how precious we are to him. Everyone enjoyed this reflective presentation, and it was well attended.

We held 11 sessions of silent prayer before finally opening fully for our first Eucharistic service on Sunday 15th August. It has been heartening for us to welcome back our church family and some new members too.

Since then, we have held 27 Eucharistic services, 13 christenings, a memorial service for a member of the local community who had died, an Advent Carol Service, when we were

lucky enough to have the choir from St Botolph's sing, and a Crib, Carol and Cake service hosted by Marion and Martin Fielder-White.

In November the apex roof and ceiling were inspected by B W May with John Bailey in attendance. They recommended work the hip ridge tiles to make the ceiling watertight.

In December Fr Cyril had his long-awaited operation on one of his eyes. With everyone praying that this would go well, we give thanks to God that the operation was successful. During the time Fr Cyril took off to recuperate we were very pleased to welcome Fr Joe King back to take services. Our congregation really enjoyed seeing him again.

Our focus during the year has been to deal with the many major and urgent repairs that have been required, firstly to get everything safe so that we could welcome our congregation back, and secondly to get the rest of the building in the best condition for maximum use of the church centre for letting to raise badly needed funds.

In September the Wardens and Fr Cyril met with Eric Mumba from Potters House Pentecostal Church to discuss them hiring our church centre on Sundays for their services after our service has finished. They commenced their services at the beginning of October, holding services every Sunday, with an extended Sunday service once a month. They also hold a study group every Thursday, and various other ad hoc events during the year.

With our regular groups not expected to restart until next year we were pleased to have some bookings in the last quarter of 2021. We had a children's party, an evening event by a Christian discussion group, and two bookings from ABLE (Ability Beyond Life Expectations) for half term and end of term children's activities sessions.

During the year we continued to make sure that all regular inspections were carried out as follows:

Fire extinguisher service, fire alarm service, boiler service, PAT testing and a clean-up day for the church grounds.

We have held two coffee mornings which raised over £400. The coffee mornings are well supported, and we have lots of fun, eat plenty of homemade cake, and raise much needed funds.

We would also like to thank Martin Fielder, White, and Colin Taylor for their support during the extra works that have needed to be undertaken at St Mark's during 2021.

Keith Major and Sarah Jones
Church Wardens

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

There have been two meetings this year, one by Zoom and the other took place at Swanscombe church.

The first meeting Bishop Simon talked about the state of the nation and five issues to look at which were polarisation, diversity and cohesion, trust in institutions, valuing truth and shape of politics.

It was also stated that in the C of E 98% do not attend a C of E church. That a church showing pastoral care would be noticed and also a person living a Christian life.

It was stated 1) we need a new capacity to listen 2) Renewed boldness.

We do not talk about God in public. We need to show practical care to back up what we say.

We need – listening spirit, bold heart and practical hands.

There followed an intense discussion between various members of the meeting.

Elections took place on the 3rd November and it was announced the following people were elected.

House of Clergy

The Rev Joel Love

The Rev Johnny Douglas

The Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-Macduff

The Rev Tim Edwards

House of Laity

Mrs Billy-Jo O’Leary

Mr Andrew Smith

Ms Jane Rosam

Mr Martin Sewell

The second meeting was held at Swanscombe church centre.

There was confirmation of Diocesan Synod Reps from the Gravesend Deanery, some new members introduced themselves to the group.

We were introduced to Living in Love and Faith and the time framework for it.

Once again the budget for 2022 was discussed with feeling. If anyone wishes to look at the budget set by the diocese I can forward a copy of it.

We had a “Called to Grow” update by the Archdeaconry Growth Enabler The Revd Dylan Turner, who discussed what had been happening, there were questions and comments by the representatives about how things were moving forward. One member, who is in training, explained how she was called to serve even though it wasn’t something she had previously thought of.

Wendy Waller and Barbara Osborn

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

During this year of Covid restrictions, the Health and Safety team have been busy, and highly effective, with implementing measures to address the challenge of keeping all who attend the church safe in the pandemic.

As Safeguarding Officer, my priority has been to ensure that all aspects of Safeguarding are constantly monitored. These include:

- Myself attending a course held by Greenhithe and Swanscombe churches to renew my basic safeguarding certificate
- Revisiting the types of safeguarding requirements to cover all types of abuse and writing a detailed Safeguarding Risk Assessment for the churches
- Liaising with Father Cyril regarding safeguarding issues
- Writing reports to present at PCC meetings
- Upgrading required Safeguarding Information on boards in both churches
- Attending a Zoom meeting run by the Rochester Safeguarding Team to learn about updates eg for DBS renewals three yearly

The process for enabling a Deputy Safeguarding Officer to have authority to process DBS certificates for eligible people (none outstanding at present) in my absence should be finalised as soon as possible.

Moving forward, there is much to do to ensure that all those eligible for a DBS have a renewal every three years now, and not after five years. Also, new requirements regarding certificate renewal must be a priority.

I wish to thank the clergy, church officers, the deputy safeguarding officers and the congregation for their continued support.

Gill Graves

RISK MANAGEMENT


During 2021 with the Pandemic, St Botolph's was closed from Epiphany Sunday to Palm Sunday and St Mark's was closed for Health & Safety issues until July. Income has increased in the year with the opening of both Church Halls in September. Congregation members were still urged to give by standing order and to Gift Aid their contributions. The Treasurer reported at year end that the Parish had sufficient reserves to last 18 months if current income and expenditure levels remained as they were. Therefore the PCC are happy that the Parish finances remain viable going into 2022.

In September the Parish launched a Stewardship campaign to boost income and increase the numbers of people helping to carry out duties at services and at other times. Fr Cyril Showers spearheaded this campaign in church over the Sundays in September ending with a Thanksgiving for this at Harvest.

Risk Assessments have been drawn up for both churches in the Parish based on the regulations laid down by the Church of England and Rochester Diocese, and are being strictly adhered to, ensuring that safety is paramount to the congregation and clergy alike and that our duty of care for each other is paramount.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

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

Fr Cyril Showers  Date: 5 April 2022

***The Parish of
Northfleet & Rosherville***

**Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council**

Year ended 31st December 2021.

Bankers:
Barclays Bank plc.

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14 March 2022

Independent Examiner's report to the Member/Trustees of Northfleet & Rosherville PCC

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on the pages following.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been 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.

Yours sincerely



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Northfleet & Rosherville Parochial Church Council
Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts & Payments)
January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 (compared to January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Total	Difference	% Change
<i>Receipts</i>							
Income and Endowments							
Income from Charitable Activities	2,886.00	50.00		2,936.00	8,592.00	-5,656.00	-66%
Income from Donations and Legacies	25,483.18	2,501.71		27,984.89	25,388.52	2,596.37	10%
Income from Fund Raising	4,142.90	744.00		4,886.90	1,339.60	3,547.30	265%
Income from Other Trading Activities	6,589.40			6,589.40	2,727.75	3,861.65	142%
Investment Income	79.49		372.76	452.25	589.74	-137.49	-23%
Other Incoming Resources	2,644.73	121,010.39		123,655.12	13,389.77	110,265.35	824%
Total Receipts	41,825.70	124,306.10	372.76	166,504.56	52,027.38	114,477.18	220%
<i>Payments</i>							
Expenditure							
Church Maintenance	1,448.17			1,448.17	6,257.41	-4,809.24	-77%
Church Major Repairs	27,083.19	120,515.39		147,598.58	16,552.40	131,046.18	792%
Church Running Costs	15,416.56	1,441.47		16,858.03	14,299.82	2,558.21	18%
Church Utility Bills	1,602.38			1,602.38	6,196.61	-4,594.23	-74%
Clergy Expenses	3,799.62			3,799.62	4,817.28	-1,017.66	-21%
Diocesan Parish Contribution	5,000.00			5,000.00	5,000.00		
Hall & Other Buildings Running Costs	5,155.83			5,155.83	9,646.51	-4,490.68	-47%
Hall Major Repairs	4,027.76			4,027.76	1,219.00	2,808.76	230%
Mission Giving & Donations	64.00	2,958.03		3,022.03	724.98	2,297.05	317%
Other Payments					7,999.91	-7,999.91	-100%
Total Payments	63,597.51	124,914.89	0.00	188,512.40	72,713.92	115,798.48	159%
 All Receipts	 41,825.70	 124,306.10	 372.76	 166,504.56	 52,027.38	 114,477.18	 220%

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All Payments	63,597.51	124,914.89	0.00	188,512.40	72,713.92	115,798.48	159%
Transfers Between Funds	1.53	-1.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Net Movement in Funds	-21,770.28	-610.32	372.76	-22,007.84	-20,686.54	-1,321.30	
Total Funds Brought Forward	156,151.82	12,416.32	16,355.73	184,923.87	205,610.41	-20,686.54	-10%
Total Funds Carried Forward	134,381.54	11,806.00	16,728.49	162,916.03	184,923.87	-22,007.84	-12%

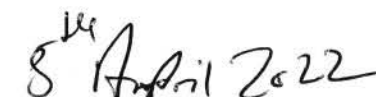
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds	2021	2020
Business Current Account	7,652.95	3,280.02
Building Saver Account	36,196.11	44,042.42
General Saver Account	68,794.41	75,187.64
Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance	38,752.87	47,821.06
Endowment Funds	16,728.49	16,355.73
	<u>168,124.83</u>	<u>186,686.87</u>
Less		
Cheques not presented	-1,485.07	-147.00
Other Creditors - see Notes	-3,774.00	-1,616.00
Plus Items not Credited	50.27	0.00
	<u>162,916.03</u>	<u>184,923.87</u>
Creditors - **	-1,576.54	-225.00
Debtors - **	3,890.59	2,652.31
	<u><u>165,230.08</u></u>	<u><u>187,351.18</u></u>
Parish Funds		
Unrestricted		
General Fund	78,430.76	76,776.00
Designated Funds	55,950.78	79,375.82
Restricted Funds	11,806.00	12,416.32
Endowment Funds	16,728.49	16,355.73
	<u><u>162,916.03</u></u>	<u><u>184,923.87</u></u>

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



Date:



** amounts are detailed in the relevant years 'Notes to the Accounts' and will be reflected in the next Financial Statement

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Creditors

General Fund

Independent Examiner, in respect of reviewing and reporting on the 2021 accounts - £250.00.

St Botolphs Hall Water, account balance £501.26.

St Botolphs Hall Gas, account balance £564.76

St Marks Church Centre Water, account balance £73.07

St Marks Church Centre Gas account balance £162.24

St Marks Church Centre Electricity account balance £25.21

The above amounts will be accounted for in the 2022 accounts.

Other Creditors

The Diocesan element of Parochial Fees, relating to the period 1st October – 31st December 2021, totalling £2,268.00 will be paid over to the Diocese in February 2022.

50/50 Club - £776.00; this amount relates to monies held pending the quarterly draw. When the draw is made, the amount is divided between prize money and Church Funds

St Marks Church Centre Car Park - £30.00; this relates to deposits made in respect of Car Park notices, made by Hall users. This amount is repayable to the Hall users as and when they return the Car Park notice.

St Marks Church Centre Keys - £40.00; this relates to deposits made in the respect of Hall users holding a key to the Church Centre. The amount is repayable to the Hall users as and when they return the Church Centre Key.

Wedding Fees - £660.00; this relates to Wedding deposits. As and when the Wedding service takes place, the amount will be payable as a Parochial Fee to the Diocese and the PCC.

Debtors

General Fund

St Botolph's Hall usage - £800.00

St Marks Church Centre Hall usage - £804.20

Income Tax Recoverable in respect of Gift Aid claim for £1,930.59

PAYE Tax refund - £355.80

These amounts will be accounted for in the 2022 accounts.

St Botolph's Chancel Roof and Buttress

Grants were received from Friends of Kent Church, £8,000.00 and Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage, £89,328.30. In addition, VAT was reclaimed from Listed Places of Worship, totalling £23,332.09. 20% of the cost was funded from St Botolphs Church Repair Fund. During 2021, payment was made to the Contractor totalling £121,183.25, Professional Fees totalled £11,669.24 and protection of the Organ cost £1,140.00.

Related Party Transactions

No payments, other than reimbursements of 'out of pocket' expenses, were made to PCC members.

Employees

The Parochial Church Council employee's one person, who cleans St Botolph's Hall and St Marks Church Centre.

It should be noted that since March 2020, St Botolph's Hall and St Marks Church Centre has been closed, due to COVID-19 pandemic and that the Parochial Church Council took in the H.M. Government Furlough grant scheme until August 2021.

The Cleaner employment costs during 2021 totalled £3,816.00 of which £2,643.00 was reclaimed from H.M. Government under the Furlough grant scheme.

Northfleet & Rosherville Projects

This fund holds a balance of £13,067.77, which the Parochial Church Council has designated as follows:

St Marks Church Centre

Alarm - £1,200.00

Tabernacle - £900.00

Community Room - £546.00

Kitchen - £3,845.56

Silverware - £800.00

St Botolphs Church & Hall

Car Park - £1,500.00

Hall Refurbishment - £4,276.21

Legacies

This fund holds the sum of £1,220.14, which is made up as follows:

- 1) Jean Howells – balance of legacy - £624.73
- 2) Marion Sawyer – balance of legacy - £595.41

The Parish of St Botolph, Northfleet and St Mark, Rosherville

Accounting Policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements of the PCC will be prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and that an Independent examination will be required.

The accounts will be prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and will include all monetary transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming resources

Planned Giving, Collections, Donations and Tax refunds are recognised when they are received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Interest

Interest will be accounted for upon receipt of the Bank/Diocesan statement. Where interest has been applied to the Buildings Saver account and the General Saver account, it will be recorded in the General Fund ledger.

Resources expended.

Grants and Donations are accounted for when paid over. All other expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Bank Charges

Bank charges are accounted for upon receipt of the Bank Statement and are to be accounted for in the General Fund.

Bank Accounts

The Business Current Account will be used in respect of: -

- a) All receipts which are due to the Parochial Church Council. These can be made by deposits at a Branch of the Bank, Electronic Credits and Transfers from other Bank Accounts held in the name of the Parochial Church Council.

- b) Payments made by the Parochial Church Council, will be made by way of a Cheque, Standing Order to the Payee, Direct Debit or Transfer to other Bank Accounts held in the name of the Parochial Church Council.

The Buildings Saver Account will hold Restricted and Designated funds as agreed by the Parochial Church Council and will be recorded in the relevant Ledger account(s). Receipts and Payments to this account will be made via the Business Current Account.

The General Saver Account will hold Restricted and Designated funds as agreed by the Parochial Church and will be recorded in the relevant Ledger account(s). Receipts and Payments to this account will be made via the Business Current Account.

Funds will be held with the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance in respect of the following Building Maintenance Ledger Funds:

- (a) St Botolph's Church (b) St Mark's Church and Hall & (c) St Botolph's Hall; Receipts and Payments made to the Fund will be agreed by the PCC.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has agreed that it will hold the sum equal to three months income as its reserve. However, as Church remained closed, due to the Pandemic, until March 2021 and the Halls were closed until June 2021; it was clear that the PCC would potentially have to use its reserves. It is known that during 2022, the Quinquennial inspection will take for St Botolphs Church and following receipt of the Quinquennial report the PCC will review the amount held in its reserves. When a large donation or legacy has been received, the PCC has the right to hold some or all such sums in reserve for a period of up to 12 months, while they consider how to use the money. When making their decision on how to use any such donations or legacies, the PCC will abide by the policy of not holding more than three months income as a reserve.

Fixed Assets

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church Inventory. The Church Inventory can be inspected at any reasonable time.

Budget Setting

The annual budget, for the forthcoming year, will be agreed by the PCC at their November meeting. The budget will include general running costs, ministry and mission, donations to Charities, Church activities, including children's ministry, worship and choir, staff costs and extraordinary items of expenditure.

Fund Reporting

The PCC reports the assets which it holds as follows:

Unrestricted: -

General Fund – these funds are used to fulfil the aims of the Charity and are used for the day to day running of St Botolph's Church & Hall and St Marks Church Centre.

St Botolph's Church Repair Fund – this fund is held with the Diocese and is to be used for the maintenance of the Church, following the Quinquennial Inspection.

St Botolph's Hall Repair Fund – this fund is held with the Diocese and is to be used for the maintenance of St Botolph's Hall.

St Marks Church Centre – this fund is held with the Diocese and is to be used for the maintenance of the Church, following the Quinquennial Inspection.

Organ Renovation – The PCC agreed that the legacy received from the estate of the late R. Waugh should be set aside for the Organ Renovation.

Northfleet & Rosherville Projects – Designated funds for a specific project are held in this fund.

Legacies – where a legacy has been received, it will be held in this fund until such time that the PCC have agreed with the beneficiary's family as to how the fund are to be spent.

Restricted: -

Mission & Charities – monies raised by special collections e.g., Christingle Service, are held in this account pending remittance to the relevant charity.

Children's Work –

Who let the Dads Out – The purpose of this account is to record the funds received and spent in relation to the Who let the Dads Out project.

Children's Work – The purpose of this account is to hold funds which can be used for Children's work within the parish.

Choir – Funds held in this account are for the use of Choir equipment.

Elderly People – this account is used to fund work with the elderly of the parish. To be closed

Flowers: - Monies can be donated to pay towards the cost of the purchase of flowers in Church and the surplus is held in this fund.

Hall Letting Deposits – this account is used to hold deposits taken when a Hirer books the Hall. The deposit is refunded to the Hirer, subject to the Terms and Conditions of use of the Hall.

Organ Renovation – The balance held in this fund relates to restricted donations towards the renovation project.

Rosherville School Trust – The charitable objects of this Trust are for ‘The Education of Children and Adults or Children only of Labouring, Manufacturing, and other poorer classes in Rosherville. The funds were originally held with the Kent Reliance Building Society and during 2018 the account was closed, and the balance transferred into the PCC’s Bank account. The Trustees of the Trust are The Vicar and Church Wardens of St Mark’s, Rosherville.

St Botolph’s Chancel Roof and Buttress – This fund has been set up to record the funding received from Historic England and Listed Places of Worship in respect of the works which will be undertaken during Spring 2021. To be closed.

Tower Bells – This account is used to record donations which are held for future projects relating to work on the Tower Bells.

Wedding Fees – as a result in the charge of policy, by the Diocese, in the way that Fees are collected, it is necessary to hold Wedding Fee deposits in a restricted account. Once the wedding has taken place, the Wedding Fee deposit will be transferred to the General Fund.

Endowment Funds:

Smith Trust – The capital and income on this trust are to be expended for such religious purpose in the parish as the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens of St Botolph’s Church shall, in their absolute discretion, think fit. The Capital sum of 253 units is held in a CBF Investment Fund account, Unspent Income, that is accumulated Dividends and Interest, less Discretionary Expenditure is held in a Lloyds Bank account. The valuation of 253 units held with CBF Investment Funds as at the 31st December 2021 is £5,924.78

N. Siddon Charity Fund – This fund is designated ‘for the relief of the aged poor’ in the parish as the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens of St Botolph’s Church shall, in their absolute discretion, think fit. The Capital sum of 259 units is held in a COIF Investment Fund account, Unspent Income, that is accumulated Dividends and Interest, less Discretionary Expenditure is held in a Barclays Bank account. The valuation of 259 units held with COIF Investment Funds as at the 31st December 2021 is £5,326.70

Eliza E. Smith Charity Fund – This fund is designated ‘for the relief of the aged poor’ in the parish as the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens of St Botolph’s Church shall, in their absolute discretion, think fit.

The Capital sum of 161.62 units is held in a COIF Investment Fund account, Unspent Income, that is accumulated Dividends and Interest, less Discretionary Expenditure is held in a Barclays Bank account. The valuation of 161.62 units held with COIF Investment Funds as at the 31st December 2021 is £3,323.94

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance - 31 Dec 2020</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance - 31st Dec 2021</u>
<u>Endowments</u>					
N. Siddon, E. Smith & Smith Trust	16,355.73	372.76			16,728.49
<u>Restricted</u>					
Charities	92.32	2,865.71	-2,958.03		0.00
Children's Work	1,125.88				1,125.88
Choir	278.19				278.19
Elderly People	333.00	350.00	-681.47	-1.53	0.00
Flowers	0.06	150.00			150.06
Hall Letting Deposits	0.00				0.00
Organ Renovation	370.00				370.00
Rosherville Trust	6,994.33				6,994.33
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St Botolphs Chancel Roof	-375.00	120,890.39	120,515.39		0.00
Tower Bells.	1,489.16				1,489.16
Wedding Fees Deposits	710.00	50.00	-760.00		0.00
Who Let The Dad's Out	1,398.38				1,398.38
<u>Unrestricted - Designated</u>					
Organ Renovation	2,550.00	360.00			2,910.00
St Botolphs Church Repair Fund	26,521.21	271.60	-13,477.10	2,700.00	16,015.71
St Botolphs Hall Repair Fund	13,300.09	24.31		1,400.00	14,724.40
St Marks Centre Repair Fund	6,999.76	13.00		1,000.00	8,012.76
Northfleet & Rosherville Projects	12,009.21	1,867.00	-858.44	50.00	13,067.77
Legacies	17,995.55	50.00	-16,775.41	-50.00	1,220.14
<u>Unrestricted</u>					
General Fund	76,776.00	39,239.79	-32,486.56	-5,098.47	78,430.76
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	168,568.14	166,131.80	188,512.40	0.00	162,916.03

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	Total	General Fund (U)	Legacies Received (U)	Northfleet & Rosherville Projects (U)	St Botolph's Church Repair Fund (U)	St Botolphs Hall - Repair Fund (U)	St Botolphs Organ Renovation (U)	St Marks Church Centre - Repair Fund (U)
<i>Receipts</i>								
Income and Endowments								
Income from Charitable Activities								
PCC Fees Income	2,886.00	2,886.00						
Income from Donations and Legacies								
Cash Collections	2,712.11	2,712.11						
Donations								
Captain Tom Challenge	79.49	79.49						
Ride & Stride	308.00	308.00						
Xmas 'Chuck it in Bucket'	255.19	255.19						
Gift Aid Claimed	3,752.63	3,752.63						
Legacies	50.00		50.00					
Other Planned Giving - Non Tax efficient								
Donations - Non GASDS	1,589.20	869.20		360.00			360.00	
Standing Orders - Non Tax effective	1,133.00	893.00			240.00			
Planned Giving - Gift Aided								
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,407.00	1,407.00						
Planned Giving Envelopes	3,821.00	3,821.00						
Planned Giving Envelopes - GASDS	598.25	598.25						
Standing Orders	9,769.00	9,769.00						
Sunday Tea & Coffee	8.31	8.31						
Income from Fund Raising								
Fetes, Bazaar, Other Fund-raising Events								
Big Local Fair - Bank Holiday Monday	743.02	743.02						
Christmas Fayre	1,050.00			1,050.00				

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Christmas Market	209.40	209.40						
Coffee Mornings	382.85	382.85						
Market on the Path	193.63	193.63						
Raffles	634.00	634.00						
Sale of Angels	174.00			174.00				
Sponsor Walk	283.00			283.00				
Tuesday Lunch Club	425.00	425.00						
Tuesday Teas	48.00	48.00						
Income from Other Trading Activities								
Hall Income								
St Botolphs Hall	3,855.00	3,855.00						
St Marks Hall	2,734.40	2,734.40						
Investment Income								
Interest Received								
Bank Interest	10.58	10.58						
Diocesan Repair Fund	68.91				31.60	24.31		13.00
Other Incoming Resources								
Grants								
HMRC - re Furlough	2,643.29	2,643.29						
Refunds	1.44	1.44						
Total Receipts	41,825.70	39,239.79	50.00	1,867.00	271.60	24.31	360.00	13.00

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Payments								
General Maintenance								
St Botolphs Church								
Boiler Service	660.00	660.00						
Fire Equipement	243.51	243.51						
PAT Testing	90.00	90.00						
St Marks Church Centre								
Boiler Service & Maintenance	72.00	72.00						
Fire Alarm Service	154.80	154.80						
Fire Equipement	137.86	137.86						
PAT Testing	90.00	90.00						
Church Major Repairs								
St Botolphs Church								
Chancel Roof and Buttress and South Aisle Buttress	13,477.10				13,477.10			
St Marks Church Centre								
Church Floor	5,035.20		5,035.20					
Community Room	1,254.00		1,200.00	54.00				
Kitchen	304.44			304.44				
Roof Inspection	2,812.45		2,812.45					
Roof Repairs	4,200.00		4,200.00					
Church Running Costs								
Administration								
Accounting Software	186.48	186.48						
Admin	40.00	40.00						
Licences	22.00	22.00						
Parish Phone & Broadband	1,605.57	1,605.57						

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	Total	General Fund (U)	Legacies Received (U)	Northfleet & Rosherville Projects (U)	St Botolph's Church Repair Fund (U)	St Botolphs Hall - Repair Fund (U)	St Botolphs Organ Renovation (U)	St Marks Church Centre - Repair Fund (U)
Payroll Services	222.00	222.00						
Photocopier	2,250.10	2,250.10						
Website	295.00	295.00						
Church Running Costs								
Expenditure on Raising Funds	340.90	340.90						
St Marks Church Centre	372.00	372.00						
Cost of Services	743.47	743.47						
Goverance Costs	225.00	225.00						
Insurance								
St Botolphs Church & Hall	7,911.29	7,911.29						
St Marks Church Centre	1,202.75	1,202.75						
Church Utility Bills								
Electricity	264.30	264.30						
Gas	1,275.08	1,275.08						
Water	63.00	63.00						
Clergy Expenses								
Fr Joe King	50.00	50.00						
Lay Readers	30.00	30.00						
Parsonage House								
St Marks Vicarage	3,719.62	3,719.62						
Diocesan Parish Contribution	5,000.00	5,000.00						
Hall & Other Buildings Running Costs								
Cleaner	3,816.12	3,816.12						
St Botolphs Hall Running Costs								
Cleaning Materials	36.52	36.52						

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	Total	General Fund (U)	Legacies Received (U)	Northfleet & Rosherville Projects (U)	St Botolph's Church Repair Fund (U)	St Botolphs Hall - Repair Fund (U)	St Botolphs Organ Renovation (U)	St Marks Church Centre - Repair Fund (U)
Electricity	790.69	790.69						
Gas	188.00	188.00						
Minor Repairs	70.00	70.00						
Trade Waste	188.50	188.50						
Water	66.00	66.00						
Hall Major Repairs								
St Botolphs Hall Toilets	4,027.76		3,527.76	500.00				
Mission Giving & Donations								
Home Mission & Church Societies								
Friends of Kent Churches	10.00	10.00						
Friends of Rochester Cathedral	20.00	20.00						
Secular Charities								
Royal British Legion	34.00	34.00						
Total Payments	63,597.51	32,486.56	16,775.41	858.44	13,477.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Receipts	41,825.70	39,239.79	50.00	1,867.00	271.60	24.31	360.00	13.00
All Payments	63,597.51	32,486.56	16,775.41	858.44	13,477.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers Between Funds	1.53	-5,098.47	-50.00	50.00	2,700.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,000.00
Net Movement in Funds	-21,770.28	1,654.76	-16,775.41	1,058.56	-10,505.50	1,424.31	360.00	1,013.00
Total Funds Brought Forward	156,151.82	76,776.00	17,995.55	12,009.21	26,521.21	13,300.09	2,550.00	6,999.76
Total Funds Carried Forward	134,381.54	78,430.76	1,220.14	13,067.77	16,015.71	14,724.40	2,910.00	8,012.76

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	Total	Children's Work (R)	Choir (R)	Elderly People (R)	Flowers (R)	Hall Letting Deposits (R)	Mission & Charities (R)	Rosherville Education Account (R)	St Botolphs Chancel Roof & Buttress (R)	St Botolphs Organ Renovation Fund (R)	Tower Bells (R)	Wedding Fee Deposits (R)	Who Let The Dad's Out (R)
	89,328.30								89,328.30				
Friends of Kent Churches	8,000.00								8,000.00				
Listed Places of Worship	23,332.09								23,332.09				
Northfleet Central CIO	350.00			350.00									
Total Receipts	124,306.10	0.00	0.00	350.00	150.00	0.00	2,865.71	0.00	120,890.39	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
<i>Payments</i>													
Expenditure													
Church Major Repairs													
St Botolphs Church													
Chancel Roof and Buttress and South Aisle Buttress													
Contractor	109,841.03								109,841.03				
Professional Fees	9,724.36								9,724.36				
Protection of Organ during Major Works	950.00								950.00				
Church Running Costs													
Administration													
Admin	760.00											760.00	
Church Running Costs													
Expenditure on Raising Funds													
Tuesday Lunch Club	553.97			553.97									
Lent Course	127.50			127.50									
Mission Giving & Donations													
Home Mission & Church Societies													
Children's Society	958.77						958.77						
Friends of Kent Churches	616.00						616.00						
Gravesham Sanctuary	169.00						169.00						
Poverty & Hope Appeal	227.28						227.28						

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	Total	Children's Work (R)	Choir (R)	Elderly People (R)	Flowers (R)	Hall Letting Deposits (R)	Mission & Charities (R)	Rosherville Education Account (R)	St Botolphs Chancel Roof & Buttress (R)	St Botolphs Organ Renovation Fund (R)	Tower Bells (R)	Wedding Fee Deposits (R)	Who Let The Dad's Out (R)
Relief & Development Agencies													
Christian Aid	172.50						172.50						
Secular Charities													
Captain Tom Challenge	79.48						79.48						
Gravesend Street Pastors	115.00						115.00						
Macmillan Cancer Support	300.00						300.00						
Royal British Legion	160.00						160.00						
Salvation Army	160.00						160.00						
Total Payments	124,914.89	0.00	0.00	681.47	0.00	0.00	2,958.03	0.00	120,515.39	0.00	0.00	760.00	0.00
 All Receipts	 124,306.10	 0.00	 0.00	 350.00	 150.00	 0.00	 2,865.71	 0.00	 120,890.39	 0.00	 0.00	 50.00	 0.00
All Payments	124,914.89	0.00	0.00	681.47	0.00	0.00	2,958.03	0.00	120,515.39	0.00	0.00	760.00	0.00
Transfers Between Funds	-1.53	0.00	0.00	-1.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement in Funds	-610.32	0.00	0.00	-333.00	150.00	0.00	-92.32	0.00	375.00	0.00	0.00	-710.00	0.00
Total Funds Brought Forward	12,416.32	1,125.88	278.19	333.00	0.06	0.00	92.32	6,994.33	-375.00	370.00	1,489.16	710.00	1,398.38
Total Funds Carried Forward	11,806.00	1,125.88	278.19	0.00	150.06	0.00	0.00	6,994.33	0.00	370.00	1,489.16	0.00	1,398.38

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	Total	Eliza E Smith Fund (E)	Eliza E Smith Fund - Unspent Income (E)	Noah Siddon (E)	Noah Siddon - Unspent Income (E)	The Smith Trust (E)	The Smith Trust - Unspent Income (E)
<i>Receipts</i>							
Income and Endowments							
Investment Income							
Dividends	372.76		85.46		136.95		150.35
Total Receipts	372.76	0.00	85.46	0.00	136.95	0.00	150.35
 All Receipts	 372.76	 0.00	 85.46	 0.00	 136.95	 0.00	 150.35
All Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement in Funds	372.76	0.00	85.46	0.00	136.95	0.00	150.35
Total Funds Brought Forward	16,355.73	2,315.40	2,401.37	3,710.49	993.58	4,849.78	2,085.11
Total Funds Carried Forward	16,728.49	2,315.40	2,486.83	3,710.49	1,130.53	4,849.78	2,235.46

Financial Review

Once again COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on the life and finances of the Parish.

Thankfully, restrictions were lifted during 2021, which allowed the public to hire St Botolphs Hall and St Marks Church Centre. This provided a total of £6,589 of income, an increase of just over £4,000 on the 2020 figures.

Fund raising during 2021 increased on the 2020 value by £2,300.

As a result of the Stewardship campaign and more people returning to Church, your Donations increased by £5,600.

The overall income in the Day-to-Day account amounted to £39,200.00

The Day-to-Day expenditure of the Parish decreased by £13,800.00, which was due to a saving of £2,000 relating to St Botolph's Hall utilities, £4,000 relating to Gas for St Botolph's Church and St Marks Church Centre, £2,000 relating to General Maintenance cost for St Botolph's Church.

A small legacy was received from the Estate of Kathleen Campbell, which will go towards the cost of St Botolph's Hall refurbishment.

During the first quarter of 2021, major work was undertaken on St Botolph's Chancel Roof and Buttresses, total cost of this project was £134, 000. The funding of this project was provided by a Grant from Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage, a Grant from Friends of Kent Churches, along with VAT that was recovered from Listed Places of Worship.

Last year, the PCC paid as it's Parish Contribution to the Diocese the sum of £5,000.00 and at their December 2021 meeting, the PCC agreed that the amount which they should offer for 2022 would be £6,000.

Clearly the Parish Finances ended in a better shape than what was forecast in the 2021 Budget, which your PCC agreed in October 2020. Looking at Parish Finances for 2022, providing there are no restrictions put in place, then the outlook appears to be much more promising. Careful management of the Parish resources, by your PCC will only make this possible.

Colin Taylor – Treasurer – 27th January 2022