



Vestry and Annual Parochial Council Meetings

Wednesday, 19th April, 2023 at St Andrew's Church, Broadstairs

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VESTRY MEETING

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Apologies

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 18th May 2022

Election of Churchwardens

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting Held in St Andrew's Church on Wednesday, 18th May, 2022

The meeting commenced with prayer and a welcome from Revd Musindi.

Apologies:

D and S Foster, M and J Hawthorne, J and H Hills

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 2nd June 2021

These were approved, proposed by M Long and seconded by P Springett.

Election of Churchwardens

Before the Churchwardens were elected, Revd Musindi cited the Churchwardens' Measure of a six-year restriction which became relevant in 2008. This means that currently a churchwarden may not be elected to office for a continuous period of more than six years. The Annual Parish Meeting can vote to opt out of this restriction, but it must be done in advance of any such candidate standing for election. Any opt out by the Annual Parish Meeting is in effect until a subsequent similar meeting decides to opt back in.

Richard Collins is willing to serve again as Churchwarden, although he will have served more than six years. Before his election, the proposal was put to the meeting to opt out of this Measure. This was formally proposed by C Stockwell, seconded by S Flory and unanimously approved.

Richard Collins and Jenny Lambert were then duly elected, no other candidates having been nominated. There were no abstentions and both were elected unanimously.

Signed

Date.....

APCM, WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL AT 7.30 P.M.

AGENDA

Apologies

Appointment of Minutes Secretary

Minutes of the 2022 APCM

Matters Arising

Report from Revd Philip Musindi

Financial Report

Reports from: Churchwardens, Fabric, Mission and Worship

Election of PCC Members and Deanery Synod Representatives

Safeguarding Report

Electoral Roll Update

Any Other Notified Business

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday, 18th May 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Revd Philip Musindi was in the Chair and twenty people were present.

APOLOGIES

D and S Foster, M and J Hawthorne, J and H Hills

APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES SECRETARY

J Graham was proposed by C Stockwell, seconded by S Flory and duly elected.

MINUTES OF THE APCM HELD ON 2ND JUNE, 2021

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by G Silsbury, seconded by R Collins, with all in favour.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

REPORT FROM REVD PHILIP MUSINDI

Reviewing the past year, Revd Musindi commented that although 2021 had not been as difficult as 2020, the pandemic had nonetheless still resulted in some anxiety and frustrations. The practice of continuing with phone calls and emails to those unable to leave home, as well as the weekly "Keeping Connected" newsletter had been welcomed. He cited the revision of the Mission Action Plan, resulting from a PCC Awayday as being a significant event last year, emphasising initiatives with younger people and between schools and church, amongst others. He thanked members of the PCC, the Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary, volunteer administrators and others in whatever capacity they served for their loyal contributions in keeping with working with young people. He thanked the Junior Church leaders and their helpers and those who helped with Messy Church. Particular thanks went to Reader Michael Hawthorne for his valuable assistance and his ministry at St Andrew's. The contribution to worship made by Susan Honnor, the organist, choir director and the choir enabled worship at St Andrew's to a very enjoyable degree. Revd Musindi also paid tribute to, and thanked, the sacristans, intercessors and the pastoral team, flower arrangers and Verger. Included were also the team of helpers who clean the church and community hall and all the various committees.

The meeting paused to remember those who had died during the year, before ending on a hopeful feeling of the joy of now being able to meet again as a family of faith. Revd Musindi concluded his report by expressing his gratitude for the love and friendship shown to him and his family.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R Collins commented on how 2021 money was received and spent. He referred the meeting to the Finance Committee Report and the Income and Expenditure Report available in the report pack. He highlighted particular areas of interest as follows:

Income

Planned Giving and plate collections had improved slightly since 2020. Because of bank charges paying direct through bank transfer is the most efficient way of giving to the church.

Donations: Approximately £12,500 had been received for church funds, a legacy of £5,000 and £14,000 of Gift Aid.

Fund-raising had garnered a magnificent sum of £13,572 during the second half of the year and he thanked the fund-raising team for their efforts.

Community Hall: With the completion of phase two of the refurbishment project, £7,941 was raised in the second half of the year.

Voyagers: Thanks to a large donation, £2,953 was raised during the year and when this was added to the brought forward balance from 2020, it had been possible to donate £1,000 each to MAF,

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Mission Guatemala and Thanet Disabled Riding.

Expenditure

Parish Share: £71,122 has been paid in full (this year will be £66,248).

Church running expenses: increased by approximately £1,700 compared with 2020, but this was due to the church being used more often following relaxation of the Covid rules.

Hall running costs: had reduced by approximately £2,000 in 2021 mainly due to an error in the billing of the Hall electricity bill in 2020. This meant that nothing was paid for electricity in 2021.

Hall major repairs £21,967 was the final cost of the refurbishment of the Hall, which included payments to contractors, Gardners and architects.

Statutory accounts had been prepared by Cleverdons and copies were available on request. These had been signed off by the Treasurer, Revd Musindi and Jonathan Cleverdon, the independent examiner.

Approval of the Financial Report was proposed by C Stockwell, seconded by S Flory and approved unanimously.

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT, FABRIC, MISSION AND WORSHIP REPORTS

Fabric: R Collins reported that the fabric of the church and community hall was in good order All major items of the Quinquennial report of 2020 have been attended to and a small number of reported items will be addressed during the remaining term of that report. The fabric of the church and hall is monitored by the Fabric sub-committee of the PCC which met via Zoom during the pandemic but face to face meetings were now possible. A budget for this year and successive years has been lodged with the Treasurer.

Storage Facilities: Some progress has been made but further work is required to facilitate additional use of the Hall. The newly built extension enables tables and chairs to be stored and has provided storage for the Toddler Group and a Martial Arts group. The 14th Broadstairs Scout Group is a major user of the hall and has been given a storage area for their equipment. An additional storage area above the stairs to the upper room has also been created. The renewal of the Voyagers' bookstall area has been a major improvement.

The flagpole has been temporarily removed whilst refurbishment of the equipment and pole structure is carried out.

The hall piano is no longer required and will be disposed of.

Now that Covid restrictions are being reduced and whilst remaining aware of taking all reasonable precautions and adopting best practice in health and hygiene, we will consider returning to using the collection bag during services and offering wine at holy communion, for those who wish to have it.

R Collins said that achievements during this last year had been very satisfying, paying our full Parish Share, helped by a fundraising boost and the Community Hall starting to show its potential. The number of young people is growing within the Junior Church, Choir and Messy Church and our challenge is to attract their families into Church. The newly formed Toddler Group has been a real success story St Andrew's Church is alive and flourishing but there are also challenges to be faced – more and more of the older people are unable to fulfil their contributions to the same extent, and currently there are no younger people stepping up to take their place. We need to address these issues in order to secure the future of the church. Finance is also a concern. We are paying our way in terms of the Parish Share, but there are several capital projects looming, and loan repayments to make, as well as phase 3 of the Hall project (kitchen refurbishment), for which we need to have reserves in place. To do this we need to review our personal giving, support fundraising events and bring more people into church.

Richard Collins concluded by thanking Revd Musindi, Jenny Lambert and the Leadership Team for their support during the year He had originally planned to stand down this year but for personal

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reasons had now decided to continue for another year to support his co-Churchwarden, Jenny Lambert, and the Leadership team.

Revd Musindi thanked Richard for his report and proposed acceptance of this report, and that of the Mission and Worship sub-committees, which was approved by the meeting.

ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS AND DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

J Graham reported that the Deanery Synod representatives do not need to be re-elected this year, as their term of service extends until 2023. Therefore the current representatives of Duncan Foster, Michael Hawthorne and Graham Silsbury will continue. They will sit on the PCC in their own right, along with the Churchwardens.

PCC meetings are held every two months (with the four sub-committees, Fabric, Finance, Mission and Worship, meeting in between) and from January to May, 2021 meetings were held by videoconference. One face-to-face meeting popped up in July, then we went back to videoconferencing in September. From November 2021 onwards we have been able to meet face-to-face again.

During the lockdown business was very much as usual and the leadership team met regularly, initially every week, to make sure that we kept in touch and monitored events. We were joined by Duncan Foster, who kept the website up-to-date with current information on the pandemic and its effect on the church and by Di Springett, who set up a rota of telephone calls to those who were shielding and unable to attend church. Revd Musindi, Duncan Foster and Richard Collins also collaborated on producing "Keeping Connected", which was greatly appreciated during the lockdown and continues to be valued by people still unable to attend church.

The APCM in 2021 ended with four vacancies on the PCC.

This year we say goodbye to Jenny Matterface who has served three years on the PCC. Although she is leaving the PCC, we will still see Jenny in church and her work on the CT10 Charities and the St Peter's Foodbank will no doubt continue.

I am pleased to report four nominations for PCC at this meeting – Sam and Lee Kerton, Christina Denbeigh and Fiona Pearse. Sam and Lee are known to most people as volunteer administrators in the church office. Christina has been helping with the Toddler Group and is one of the volunteers in the church office. Fiona had to stand down last year, as she had completed two consecutive terms of three years and having stood down for one year, is now eligible for re-election. We now have only one vacancy on the PCC.

PCC members as at this APCM are:

Christina Denbeigh, Sue Flory, Matt Gerrard, Sharon Gough, Janet Graham, Simon Kemp, Lee Kerton, Sam Kerton, Fiona Pearse, Rebecca Tebbutt-Ford, Birgit Wilson.

With a great team, we look forward to the next year Janet Graham added her personal thanks to all the PCC members, and especially to Revd Musindi, Michael Hawthorne and the Churchwardens for their help and advice.

SAFEGUARDING

S Flory had provided a report ahead of the meeting and there was nothing further to add. No issues or problems had been reported to her during last year.

ELECTORAL ROLL

As at 30th March this year, when the Roll closed prior to the APCM, six new names had been added, giving a new total of 130. The Electoral Roll was now open again for any new names to be added. The Electoral Roll is revised every six years, when everyone who is on there has to re-apply. The last time was in 2019, so the next time will be in 2025.

THE VOYAGERS MISSION GROUP

The Voyagers Mission Group had suffered since the pandemic and has not fully recovered its

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fundraising since social gathering had had to stop. Events such as the soiree had not restarted and additionally, many of the committee members had not been able to meet because of frailty and illness and the running of the group is now down to three or four members. The Group is in need of a re-launch – some new members of the congregation were not aware of what the Voyagers is, or what it does. We need to show we are committed to the Voyagers, which is the mission collecting arm for St Andrew's, supporting Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Mission Guatemala, and Thanet Riding for the Disabled. Thus the future of the Voyagers needs to be addressed, especially as they provide the Mission giving element of St Andrew's commitment to the Diocese.

ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS

No other business had been notified Revd Musindi was pleased to see new members of the church at this meeting. J Graham thanked Revd Musindi for his tireless work for St Andrew's The meeting then closed with a Prayer at 8.35 p.m.

Signed
Revd Philip Musindi

Date

Parish Priest's Report

Dear Friends,

I would like to begin my report as always, with a deeply felt thank you to everybody again. Beatrice, our family and myself, always know that we have your love and support. I cannot say too often that you are a real blessing to my ministry, and in many ways, you make my ministry. Your friendship, encouragement, and above all your prayers, are the foundation of my work with you. I pray that we will discover God's blessing on our lives as we grow to learn more about what it means to be members of the Body of Christ.

It also good to reflect that, after the trials of isolation and inactivity during the Covid crisis, this past year has been busy at St Andrew's. Rather than give an extensive review of the year I will highlight just a few.

During the year we held a Gift Day which was well supported by church members, and also by our local community. The Bible teaches that, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (1 Cor. 9:7). This is exactly what we witnessed on the 1st October, when people gave generously to God's Church. Over £7,000 was raised. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

As in previous years, we held Lent Study course called "The Bible – The Big Picture" where we studied the Bible in depth and gave us the opportunity to know more about the Word of God; and we discussed this with each other, reflecting on how to carry this into our daily lives. We were also blessed with visiting preachers on Sundays. I believe we were all challenged and encouraged as they shared God's word with us.

During the year Parents Babies and Toddlers Group was launched, and it has been really popular in the community. We have many families attending each week and new families joining all the time

It has been a joy to see Messy Church grow and flourish. As a result, we witnessed parents bring their children for baptism. This has been a wonderful opportunity for mission and outreach, my thanks to all the volunteers: Maggie, Hilary, Julian, Krystyna and everyone who give of their time to help. You have a ministry which brings Jesus into the lives of people for the future of our church.

It has been encouraging and a real joy for me during the past year to build relationships with our local schools as a governor, and as a visitor to the schools through assemblies and other invitations. Schools visiting our church regularly has also been a blessing and pleasure and the services we have shared together have been wonderful times of celebration. I very much hope these relationships continue to develop and my prayer is that over the next few years some of you will feel confident and able to join me in this work in and with the schools.

2022 was our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We commemorated this historic event with our special service in the church; and a street party. What a brilliant occasion. It was wonderful to see our Reading Street local community gather to sing, dance and eat together. I was greatly encouraged to hear so many positive comments about St Andrew's Church from people in the community whom we don't normally see. We are now looking forward to a thanksgiving service and street party for the Coronation of King Charles on Sunday 7th May. This is the big date for our diaries, with a real need to pray for this occasion.

Good things from the past year gifted by grace to us, or achieved by our efforts include:

- active witness of the church,
- baptisms
- weddings, ,

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- active fellowship of church family. (We continue to grow and develop working to ensure that every member of our church feels that they each have a vital part to play in participating in the work of sharing God's love.)
- Bible study, and prayer meeting

We all thank God that new members have joined us and it is our hope that as we welcome them and encourage them, they will enjoy everything that St Andrew's has to offer as a fellowship.

Please pray for the PCC Away Day which will be held on Saturday 8th July at the Living Well. This will give the PCC an opportunity to review our Mission Action Plan, and help us to plan for the future. And as we plan for the future, we need to always remember that as Christians our first foremost responsibility is to live and communicate the good news we have encountered in Jesus Christ. Most of our neighbours have not yet encountered Jesus meaningfully- we have a gospel to proclaim, and we need to keep this the main thing! The challenge and opportunity ahead is to ensure that everything we do reflects what church should really be about. Please pray for this Away Day. In the meantime, I'd like us to move ahead with a confidence in Jesus, that he has called us to live and serve in Reading Street with a purpose; to build his kingdom, and to witness to the grace, love and hope we have discovered in him.

This year the efforts of the Parochial Church Council has been blessed and they have blessed us in the role they hold. The dedication and efforts of its members have been exceptional. On behalf of our church, Thank you.

We recognise the unfailing service of the Church Officers: Churchwardens Richard and Jenny, PCC Secretary Janet, PCC Treasurer Richard and thank them for their loyal contribution through mutual cooperation, sterling work and passionate concern for God's church here at St Andrew's.

Sadly, this meeting receives, the resignation of Richard as churchwarden. I would like to speak on behalf of us all to express sincere thanks to Richard for his loyalty and dedication, and the many hours he has put in this role. Richard, your contribution to God's church at St Andrew's has been amazing and for that we are very grateful. Thank you.

I would also like to thank Duncan Foster for the considerable work he has done over the years in ensuring that our website is kept up to date. Thank you.

We include our thanks to the Parish office volunteers led by Richard, and their effort in that role, fellow workers in God's vineyard. As some of you know Lee and Sam resigned last year following the tragic death of their son. I am very grateful for the work they did in managing the Church office and pray that God may continue to comfort them in their loss.

A Reader has a particular ministry within the life of any church which stands upon their personal faith and walk with God. In Michael Hawthorne I am blessed to have such a man to assist and lift my own ministry. Michael is Christ's gift to St Andrew's church. On behalf of everyone we thank God for your ministry Michael.

We also recognise that a ministry among our children is a true gift of God. We especially thank God for you, Sharon, Fiona and Maxine, and all the helpers who lead and teach the Junior Church.

I believe I am speaking for us all in saying we recognise the great debt of thanks that is owed to all who contribute to our worship at St Andrew's. We share a real gratitude to our organist, the choir director and the choir who support and uplift our services every Sunday. Also, our sacristans, our intercessors, the pastoral team led by Di Springett, as well as those who administer home communion. There are also the ladies who arrange the flowers, and our Verger. We thank and value the team of helpers who clean the church and community hall. Their unsung generous work is their offering to God.

I record too my thanks to the Mission Action Group (Voyagers headed by Graham), the Women's Group for their contribution to the life of the Church. My thanks to all the various committees we have in our church.

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Annual reports will always find some unintentional failing to comment or commend someone's help and service. As God so freely forgives any inadequacies, I ask you to forgive me if I have failed to publicly acknowledge someone. But we know that God himself has seen what has been done.

Sadly, some of our church family, have experienced the loss of loved ones. As we mourn the loss of Anne Atkins, Amanda Voizey, Jeremy Voizey, Pat Price and Frank Thorley, our hearts go out to all who carry the personal burden of grief.

In closing I profoundly wish to express our gratefulness as a family for the love and friendship we share with you. Your faith, your love in Christ, is always with me, as you stand beside me in the faith of the Gospel of Christ.

With much love

Philip

Churchwarden's Report

Having read the reports submitted for this APCM, I feel that we should be encouraged that St Andrew's is doing well, thanks to the efforts of so many people; as in the past, a lot of people are quietly carrying on with the routine activities of our church without fuss or direct recognition, and our thanks go to all those who have written reports.

I am pleased to be able to report that the fabric of St Andrew's Church and the Community Hall is in good condition. All major items of the Quinquennial report of 2020 have been attended to, and a small number of reported items will be addressed during the remaining term of that report.

In the Fabric report in the report pack, you will see that the Fabric committee are attending to matters of immediate importance, and steady progress is being made to improve the storage facilities, although there is still more to do. Our thanks go to the team of willing and dedicated volunteers who help with church and hall maintenance, and cleaning on a Monday afternoon, and enjoy fellowship together. We will always be glad to see more offers of help

Overall, 2022 was a good year financially. With a reduced Parish share to find, and good income from the Hall and fundraising events, we were able to pay back £5,000 of the Diocesan loan, and still carry forward a significant sum into 2023.

I am pleased that we have once again managed to fully pay our Parish share for 2022; however, this year there has been a significant increase, which has led to us questioning the Diocese as to how the Parish share is calculated, and are we being treated fairly; we are still awaiting a reply from the Diocese.

Energy costs are mainly fixed, subject to Graham's comments in his report from the Finance committee, but come November this year, we can expect a significant hike in the rate we will need to pay ongoing for our gas and electricity; this is a cause for concern, and will have a major impact on finances next year.

My thanks go to Sam and Lee Kerton, who were instrumental in the promotion of the Community Hall, and also made a significant impact on the fundraising effort for the year. Hall income has continued to rise and is crucial in the need to support church funds; we will need to consider our rates of hire ongoing, as an increase in energy costs, and a need to pay back our loans will drive a need to increase our hall income. Our church family can help by using the hall for their own private functions, and by also advertising the hall to friends and neighbours as a suitable venue for family functions.

We continue to reach out from the church to the wider community by use of our website, our newsletter, and Facebook to advertise what we are able to offer as a church, and our upcoming events, and good communication is essential if we are to reach everyone in our Parish.

Pastoral care remains a crucial outreach objective for us, and you will see from Di Springett's report that we are providing a good service to those who cannot come to church, but she could still benefit from additional help with home visiting.

You will see from the report pack, that the relaunch of Voyagers as "Mission Action" is now well under way, and the change of emphasis and the inclusion of everyone in this initiative is starting to have a positive impact. I am sure Pat Price would approve this initiative to carry forward the work previously fostered by the Voyagers.

The year has seen an encouraging growth of our Youth ministry, with each regular meeting of Messy Church bringing in a full complement of youngsters and their parents and grandparents; Junior Church numbers continue as before, and it continues to provide an entertaining and educational grounding in the Bible for our young people. The choir has continued to perform well with a varied repertoire, and our junior choir members continue to sing with competence and enthusiasm.

Attendance at our regular services is slowly increasing, although there are still members of our original congregations who have not returned since the beginning of the pandemic.

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Hall hire is showing gradual growth, although there remains significant availability still to be filled. Income from the hall is a major source of church revenue that we need to help make ends meet.

As I am now standing down as Churchwarden, I look at St Andrew's with a mixture of pride and concern. Pride that we are an active and resilient church, and we are succeeding on several fronts; concern at what the future holds for St Andrew's.

My main concern is for the lack of volunteers stepping forward to fill the vacant roles in and around the church. If I were to advertise vacancies at the moment, the list would be:

- A curate/assistant priest to cover Philip's absences.
- A Reader to assist and eventually replace Michael.
- Another Churchwarden to assist Jenny.
- Four members of our PCC to bring the PCC to its maximum number.
- Three more office administrators to spread the load and cover holiday absences, etc.
- Two servers to supplement Sandy and Jean, and give us more resilience.
- 3 Intercessors to increase the team to 9.
- 4 Sides-persons to help spread the load.
- 3 more Sunday morning Coffee teams to get back to pre-Covid levels when we had 9.
- A Junior Church leader for the over 10s, to keep interest alive for our teenagers.
- A lead for fundraising so that we can plan our fundraising events with confidence.
- More Pastoral care visitors.

In a church where the electoral roll is in excess of 120, it should be possible to fill most, if not all these vacancies. Failure to do so inevitably places more and more strain on those already holding these positions.

We also face a common problem of an ageing church membership with few signs that younger replacements are coming along to fill the roles of those who are no longer able to fill them, leading ultimately to a declining church with a reducing income, and thus, the inability to pay our way in the future. All these concerns were included in my report last year, and little seems to have changed!

Financially, while we have been able to pay our way in recent years, with the increasing costs of energy, parish share, general cost of living increases, and reduced income, future capital projects such as the final phase of the hall refurbishment, replacement of ageing heaters in the church and hall, and an overdue major church organ overhaul will be unaffordable, and St Andrew's will decline. Having said all that, St Andrew's has succeeded against the odds on many occasions in the past, and that could be down to "Good Luck", or, in my view, God's Providence. Let us pray for God's providence in helping us recruit more volunteers to ensure a more positive future.

Finally, my thanks go to the many people who have helped me to hold together my Churchwarden's position over the last seven years. Particular thanks go to Philip, Michael and Graham who have mentored me over these years and helped me to 'hang in there'.

I will say that it has been a great privilege to serve the family of St Andrew's over this period, and I hope that I have lived up to your expectations. I would urge you all to consider if you are able to assist with any of the vacancies I have listed, and to provide your full support to Jenny Lambert in her ongoing Churchwarden role, as will I.

Thank you.

Richard Collins.

Treasurer's Report.

I hope that all of you will have had a chance to look at Graham Silsbury's Finance Committee report on pages 8 and 9 of the report pack, and the Income and Expenditure report which follows on from the report; these have also been made available on the website. Apologies that pages 2 and 3 of the Income and Expenditure report have been reversed in the presentation pack. I hope that you will have found this report informative and relatively easy to understand, and it gives you an understanding on how 2022 money was received and spent. I do not intend to go through the report line by line, but will highlight particular areas of interest. If you have any questions, I will attempt to answer them at the end.

Income :

Planned Giving and plate collections have reduced slightly since 2021, mainly due to the reduction in the number of regular donors using the Standing Order system. (This is likely to be an ongoing feature as our regularly donating members of our congregation continue to dwindle).

Donations remain consistent compared with last year, with approx. £12,200 of donations for church funds, Gift Day receipts of £5,000 plus Gift Aid, legacies of £6,000, and £14,000 of recovered Gift Aid.

Fundraising : we managed to raise almost £13,000 during the year: with the a big result for the Open Gardens, Ride and Stride in September, a successful Murder Mystery evening, and another good result for the Christmas Fair, and sale of Open Gardens calendars all contributing to this great total, and our thanks go to the fundraising team for their tremendous efforts.

Community Hall : £14,600 was raised during the year, and I hope that we continue to build on this performance for this current year. This will be crucial to us meeting our 2023 targets.

Voyagers : £2,080 was raised during the year, and this, added to the brought forward balance from 2021, means we have been able to gift £700 each to MAF, Mission Guatemala, and Thanet Disabled Riding at the end of the year.

You will see that our overall income has improved by approx. £14,500 compared with the previous year.

Expenditure :

Our Parish share of £66,248 has been paid in full. (This year's total will be £75,767, an increase of £9,519). More on this later!

Church running expenses increased by approx. £2,300 compared with 2021, but this is to be expected given that the church is now back to running at pre-Covid levels.

Hall running costs have increased by approx. £600 in 2022 but again, this is to be expected given that the hall was back in regular use for the whole of 2022.

Church Repairs and Maintenance : the £8,201 listed relates to the installation of the upgraded church sound system.

The figures you have seen in the Income and Expenditure report are those upon which the statutory accounts have been prepared by Cleverdon's, and copies of these accounts are available for inspection by request. The accounts have been signed off by Philip, myself, and Karen Cleverdon, the independent examiner, and I am recommending that these accounts are approved, and would welcome a proposer and seconder.

Richard Collins.

Finance Committee Report

The finance committee has met regularly over the year. As Chairman of the committee I would like to express my thanks to the committee members who have made the effort to be at our meetings.

My thanks once again to Richard who continues in the role as Treasurer combining it with his duties as Churchwarden. Although this year he will be stepping down from his wardens' duties I'm sure I speak for us all of how grateful we should be that he is prepared to carry on as our treasurer.

The finance committee consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens the Treasurer and other members of the PCC, at present we have four PCC members serving.

Our terms of reference, are reviewed following each APCM, these require us to report to the PCC on all matters with financial implication. The review this year has not required any alterations or addition to these terms of reference.

You will have available to you a statement of the finances during the last year. I think we should all be thankful and take some pride in the fact that despite so many challenges over this period we have managed our finances in such a way that we have concluded the year with a net positive bottom line. The only exception to this is a liability of loans, the most significant one being in the amount of £35,000, a loan from the diocese that was needed in order to complete the refurbishment of our community hall.

The income streams are continuously being monitored by the committee and these figures are laid out in detail in the treasurer's report and audited accounts. Our free will offerings together with a gift day during the year are some of these important income streams. There has been a slight downturn during this year. This is indicative of the loss of members of our church family whilst at the same time not achieving the growth in membership that we seek.

Managing giving is continuously discussed by the committee and is both difficult to assess and control. Controlling costs on the other hand is an area that we can have considerable influence over and the committee has made considerable efforts in order to keep the cost base to an absolute minimum whilst at the same time still offering the same level of support in running St Andrew's Church and community hall.

We have again during this year continued our efforts in encouraging all the subcommittees and the teams that report to them to return a budget submission for the year. This is in order that we can forecast our financial position such that we are able to make good financial decisions and advise the PCC accordingly. This is particularly important when it comes to large areas of expenditure including capital projects as well as meeting our parish share obligations and the day to day running expenses of the church and hall It also gives committees and groups the confidence to know that their aspirations for doing things, putting on things and buying things can all be met with confidence and that the effort they make planning these activities will be met with financial certainty.

The Diocesan loan that I have already mentioned has been and remains a matter of concern Our aspirations remain the completion of the kitchen area in the community hall. This is in order to bring it up to a higher standard enabling improved catering and storage that will in turn attract more opportunity for putting on events that have the potential for considerably improving income. With this liability on us we applied to the diocese asking them to consider an extension to our loan period. This request has been granted and we now have another four years in which to manage the repayment of this loan.

Our energy contracts are managed through the parish buying scheme arrangements. We had made arrangements two years ago to opt for fixed price contracts for both gas and electricity to the church and the hall that should have protected us from price rises until November 2023.

This put us in a very good position given the situation of energy price rises over the last 12

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months. Sadly due to an administrative error one of the four contracts has terminated earlier than we expected and this has increased what we are having to pay. We do not believe we are the party that has made this mistake and are currently in discussions with the parish buying scheme seeking recompense for this error.

Although a sensitive area we have spent time this year considering ways of encouraging members of the church family to think about St Andrew's Church in their wills. We know this as legacy awareness. We have had guest speakers and made some leaflets available We have made a commitment to continue working in this area maintaining the awareness that this matter requires.

Hiring of our Community Hall continues to show really promising signs of continuous improvement Our volunteers in the Parish Office are doing really well and we recognise there is opportunity in increasing the marketing of this asset.

Despite financial matters being important it is essential that we remain focused on our ministry at St Andrew's and remain committed to church growth and outreach If we are to maximise this aspiration each one of us has a role to play.

On behalf of the finance committee, I would like to express my thanks for all the valued contributions towards our lives together as members of the church family Every one of us is capable of making a real and effective contribution towards growth and I would welcome the chance to discuss any opportunity.

I would finally like put on record my thanks to so many of our church family who continue to step up often very quietly to undertake voluntary work and who make such a difference to what we are able to achieve Without this band of volunteers the cost of running so much of what we do and achieve would be prohibitive and therefore affect much of the life of our church and what we strive to do.

Graham Silsbury

Chairman, Finance Committee

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St Andrews Church

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Planned giving						
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	2,437	—	—	—	2,437	4,421
0201 - Planned giving - Gift aided	32,579	—	—	—	32,579	33,176
0211 - Planned giving - non-Gift aided	4,724	—	—	—	4,724	5,204
Planned giving Totals	39,740	—	—	—	39,740	42,801
Collections and other giving						
0301 - Loose plate collections	5,642	—	—	—	5,642	4,224
0401 - Gift days	5,043	—	—	—	5,043	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	810	250	7,800	—	8,860	9,053
0551 - Donations - Church General Fund	3,407	10	—	—	3,417	3,441
Collections and other giving Totals	14,903	260	7,800	—	22,963	16,718
Other voluntary receipts						
0410 - Giving through church boxes	204	—	—	—	204	46
0550 - Voyagers Mission giving	—	2,080	—	—	2,080	593
0701 - Legacies	6,000	—	—	—	6,000	5,000
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other voluntary receipts Totals	6,204	2,080	—	—	8,284	5,639
Gift Aid recovered						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	14,146	—	—	—	14,146	14,050
Gift Aid recovered Totals	14,146	—	—	—	14,146	14,050
Other receipts						
0552 - Collections (not used)	—	—	—	—	—	—
0901 - Other funds generated	430	435	30	—	895	837
Other receipts Totals	430	435	30	—	895	837
Activities for generating funds						
0900 - Fund raising	12,951	—	—	—	12,951	13,572
0902 - Refreshment Income	183	—	—	—	183	171
0910 - Rummage sales etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
12601 - Magazine Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Activities for generating funds Totals	13,135	—	—	—	13,135	13,744

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2330 - Church maintenance	103	—	—	—	103	141
2331 - Church cleaning	5	—	—	—	5	—
2340 - Upkeep of services	408	—	—	—	408	387
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	—	—	—	—	—	—
2360 - Office Administration	1,922	—	—	—	1,922	2,066
2361 - Bank Charges	450	—	—	—	450	326
2380 - Church expenses - other	—	—	—	—	—	—
2401 - Church running - electric	162	—	—	—	162	483
2410 - Church running - gas	1,394	—	—	—	1,394	1,076
2420 - Church running - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
2501 - ""Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Running Expenses Totals	10,390	1,700	—	—	12,090	9,720
Hall Running Costs						
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	107	—	—	107	—
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	621	—	—	621	207
2550 - Hall running - Insurance	—	1,705	—	—	1,705	1,644
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	366	—	—	366	513
2570 - Hall running - cleaning	—	254	—	—	254	103
2580 - Hall running - water	—	173	—	—	173	159
Hall Running Costs Totals	—	3,228	—	—	3,228	2,627
Church Repairs & Maintenance						
2701 - ""Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2710 - ""Church major repairs - Installation	—	—	8,201	—	8,201	—
2720 - Church Interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Repairs & Maintenance Totals	—	—	8,201	—	8,201	—
Hall Repairs & Maintenance						
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	876	—	—	876	21,967
2830 - ""Hall + Interior and exterior decoratin	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall Repairs & Maintenance Totals	—	876	—	—	876	21,967
Governance Costs						
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	900	—	—	—	900	900
Governance Costs Totals	900	—	—	—	900	900
Payments Grand totals	83,236	9,392	8,201	—	100,830	114,190

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Investment Income						
1020 - Bank and building society Interest	4	—	—	—	4	2
Investment Income Totals	4	—	—	—	4	2
Receipts from church activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,192	1,000	—	—	5,192	2,814
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives (n	—	—	—	—	—	—
1230 - Hall lettings - regular	—	11,505	—	—	11,505	5,272
1231 - Hall lettings - occasional	—	3,158	—	—	3,158	2,669
Receipts from church activities Totals	4,192	15,664	—	—	19,856	10,755
Receipts Grand totals	92,756	18,440	7,830	—	119,027	104,550
Payments						
Cost of generating funds						
1701 - ""Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	105	—	—	—	105	100
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	397	237	—	—	635	1,289
1731 - Booksales Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
1732 - Refreshments	625	65	—	—	690	20
Cost of generating funds Totals	1,128	303	—	—	1,431	1,409
Missionary and Charitable Giving						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	3,100	—	—	3,100	2,000
1850 - Home mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals	—	3,100	—	—	3,100	2,000
Parish Share						
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	66,248	—	—	—	66,248	71,122
1920 - Diocese & Deanery expenses	2,635	—	—	—	2,635	2,369
Parish Share Totals	68,883	—	—	—	68,883	73,491
Clergy and Staffing costs						
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	—	—	—	—	—	—
2060 - Hall administrators salary	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Working expenses of Incumbent	1,545	184	—	—	1,729	1,984
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2150 - Vicar's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	390	—	—	—	390	90
Clergy and Staffing costs Totals	1,935	184	—	—	2,119	2,074
Church Running Expenses						
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Church running - Insurance	1,705	—	—	—	1,705	1,643
2310 - Church office - telephone	753	—	—	—	753	352
2311 - Choir Expenses	450	1,700	—	—	2,150	1,010
2312 - Choir Master	2,800	—	—	—	2,800	1,782
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	234	—	—	—	234	448

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Worship Sub-Committee Report

The Worship Committee is responsible to the PCC for monitoring worship at all services at St Andrew's and for discussing and reporting back on any relevant issues forwarded by the PCC. The Committee currently consists of Rev Philip Musindi, Michael Hawthorne (Chair), Richard Collins, Sharon Gough, Jenny Lambert, Birgit Wilson, and Sean Whittle-Darroch, and met four times in 2021. It normally discusses services held since the previous meeting and then looks ahead and plans forthcoming services. Any specific issues forwarded by the PCC are discussed.

In addition to worship the Committee has oversight of the Choir and Organist (please see the Choir Report for further information), Junior Church (please see its report), our Uniformed Organisations (please see their report) Messy Church, Grapevine and the Pastoral Committee now come under the Mission Sub-Committee.

The Committee also has oversight of the Sacristan Servers and Chalice Administrators. Their voluntary work is performed efficiently and quietly. We thank them for all that they do to enhance our worship. We would be glad to hear from any who would like to volunteer for this service.

Our Intercessors, Readers, and Sides people serve on a rota basis throughout the year and we always welcome further offers of help. We are especially anxious to recruit more sides people who have such a vital role in welcoming people to our Church.

During 2022 with the lifting of covid restrictions it was possible to once more receive wine at communion for those who wished to do so. Numbers attending worship have begun to recover but we are still well below our pre-covid numbers at all services.

Michael Hawthorne

Choir and Music Report

This has been a stable year for the choir. We are now in a position where we regularly fill the choir pews on both Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. We have gained two more treble voices for the big services but unfortunately they aren't ready to commit to church every Sunday. All told, the choir is currently made up of 25 members.

The choir has continued to take on new repertoire and our 'cycle' seems to be improving; knowing that from September-December we are looking at Christmas repertoire, January-April is preparation for Holy Week and the time after that is time to focus on new anthems to build upon our range of repertoire.

The choir continues to benefit from the support of Ramsgate Holy Trinity school choir on appropriate occasions and this has created some truly memorable services; such as Remembrance Sunday – with the addition of the brass quartet this year.

The changes of service music have been negotiated throughout the year, and moving forward this is something I would like to continue- with a change of service music to match the liturgical season and mark it within the calendar.

As we continue to move forward, I would like to make more of our young musician's talents, with them playing and singing more regularly. They are a treasure to us and we must make use of them as they continue to develop and hone their skills.

Sean Whittle-Darrock

13th March 2023

St Andrew's Junior Church Report

Attendance

Over the last 12 months, 32 children have regularly attended junior church. We have lost some children who have moved on, but it's been very lovely to welcome 7 new children who now join us regularly.

We continue to see, on average, an attendance between 10-15 children each week. The largest attendance in one session in the last 12 months was 24 children which was lovely to see. The age of the children attending is predominately 7-13 years. We have 5 pre-school children who attend regularly.

Curriculum

Over the past 12 months, we have had various themes – the theme changing each half term. The autumn term we looked at the “top 10 boats of the bible”. Boats and the sea play a big part in bible and this theme enabled us to cover various books of the bible across the old and New Testament with some stories the children knew well (Noah's Ark!) with others less known.



The Spring/Summer term we concentrated at looking at “summer creation” with lots of beautiful artwork from the period making a fantastic notice board cover to showcase all that the children had achieved.



We also celebrated the Queen's jubilee with the children hosting a craft table at the street party.

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October half term onwards was, as always, taken up with rehearsals for the nativity play Our Nativity play on the 18th December was, as always, an absolute success 21 children performed and we were so proud of them We finished with our annual Christmas party to say thank you to all the children.



The 2022 Nativity narrators!

For the first few weeks after Christmas we focused on the life of Jesus, looking at New Testament stories of parables and miracles and we will be shortly moving onto the Easter story.

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Leadership

Thanks as always to the wonderful Fiona and Maxine without whom we couldn't run as effectively as we do We can all offer something different that makes us a very strong little team The problem of leadership in junior church for the age group of 11+ is still an ongoing issue, however, and a regular leader to plan and deliver these sessions would be most welcome.

Finally, thanks to all of the church family for their continued support of the junior church and for the parents who help all year round, from clearing up each week to helping with the Nativity.

We look forward to another fun filled year.

Sharon Gough

Uniformed Organisations

The 11th Broadstairs Scout Group has continued to meet on our regular meeting nights, albeit with somewhat reduced numbers across all sections. Over the last year we have lost a number of adult leaders and young leaders, and this has reduced our ability to provide the comprehensive programme that we have always had.

Numbers on our Group Executive Committee have fallen, and we are still looking to recruit a Group Treasurer and Group Secretary. These departures have left a significant hole in our leadership team, which we are hoping to refill soon.

Our programme of activities has been maintained, although the outdoor programme of camping, district competitions, St George's Day Parade, etc., has been restricted due to a reduced programme of District events and a lack of leaders. We have been able to return to our regular parade services at St Andrew's, with the Rogation service at the farm in May, and the Remembrance Service in November, and we are looking forward to attending all our regular parade services this year.

With the return to normal conditions, we are taking active steps to increase our numbers in both youngsters and adult leaders. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in volunteering to help our young people progress, please contact me for more information.

Richard Collins

06/03/2023

Report from the Mission Committee

The period of this report is from January – November 2022 when we gradually came out of the worst of the Covid pandemic and were able to meet in person again. All sub-committee meetings, of which Mission is one, meet ahead of each PCC meeting and produce a report for comment at the PCC meetings. Under the umbrella of the Mission Sub-Committee of the PCC there are outreach activities for youth groups, especially the very successful Messy Church, Churches Together, CT10 Charities, Foodbank, Women's Group and Friendship Lunches. Reports from these groups are attached. The Voyagers Mission Group was also part of the Mission Sub-Committee and I have referred to this later in my report.

One of the first things the Mission Committee did at the beginning of the year was to consider the Mission Action Plan, or Parish Plan, which needed revising from its last incarnation which covered 2019-2021. As Mission Committee chair, I acknowledge Michael Hawthorne's help in guiding us to align our Plan with the Diocesan Plan as far as we could. We now have a good Plan to guide us from 2022-2024, when it will be further revised. The church has had these plans since 2015, originally entitled "The Way Ahead" and have been regularly updated. The latest edition can be found at the back of the church.

On the agenda of each meeting is an item from the Mission Action Plan, to keep us focused. Some are progressing very well, notably the Toddler Group, successfully organised by Jenny Lambert with her helpers. It is hoped that from this group, there will be some children who will go on to Messy Church and then to Junior Church and Grapevine and then hopefully form a younger group in the church, the cohort which is currently missing Philip's ministry in the local schools is growing. Friendship evangelism is dear to Philip's heart and it is pleasing to report that Janet Porter has been able to re-start the Friendship lunches in addition to the Women's Group that she runs. Thanks to Jenny Matterface and those who help by collecting and delivering Food Bank items from the church to the distribution point in St Peter's, we are able to continue to support those who are disadvantaged.

Unfortunately, we lost some things during 2022 – the magazine staggered on for a short while after its editor moved away from the area. Although he tried to maintain it at a distance, this was not sustainable in the long term. Several attempts were made to try and get it going again but these have not been successful. It is still on our agenda to try and get this up and running again in the future.

We still want to get a Baptism Visitor group together to visit and talk to parents and godparents before and after Baptism and this is still one of our goals.

At the end of 2022 a small informal group met to plan the way forward for the Voyagers. The Voyagers suffered initially from the lockdown in that social events could not be held and then later, several of its committee members were unable to continue their valuable work. In this regard, we remember with great fondness and gratitude, Pat Price, the long-serving secretary of the group. There is now a growing resurgence of the Voyagers, with the title Mission Action and there will be more news from Mission Action as this year progresses. The main thing to remember is that this involves everyone, not just a small group!

The following reports are from the groups covered by the Mission Sub-Committee: Messy Church, Churches Together; CT10 Charities; Foodbank; Women's Group and Friendship Lunches.

Janet Graham

Messy Church

Messy Church is run by a small, faithful team on a Friday afternoon six times a year. Its appeal is growing and the last time we had to turn people away, as 64 were already booked. We have 45 families on our database and keep in touch with all of them before and after every event. Three Messy Church families have subsequently made it to baptism at St Andrew's, which is amazing! Each session is based around a Bible story and is focused on storytelling, activities and games while we have a meal together. We have some prayer warriors who faithfully lift families and helpers in prayer. More offers would be gratefully received! We could also do with offers to cook once a year or to help support playing games and supervising activities. Do speak to us if you are interested.

Philip, Hilary, Julian, Krystyna, Lauren, Alice, Pauline and Emma

Churches Together in Broadstairs and St Peters



Throughout 2022 *Churches Together* have resumed their regular committee meetings and annual events.

Our first event in 2022 was a Lent lecture held on 19 March 2022 at St Andrews Community Hall. Our Speaker was Lucy Weichselbaum-Barlow from YWAM in Thanet. The lecture was followed by a soup and roll lunch. Although numbers were down on previous years, the event was well attended and very well received. Everyone enjoyed the lunch which gave an opportunity to catch up with members of other church families who had not seen each other for some time.

Our next event was our annual 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday 15 April 2022 from Balmoral Gardens to the bandstand on Broadstairs promenade. The procession was followed by a short ecumenical service at the bandstand, hosted by Queens Road Baptist Church. As our Chairman Philip had to return to Uganda, he had asked Rev Dominic Fenton of Holy Trinity Church to lead the procession and prayers. The weather on the day was beautiful and all the churches were represented. We were joined by many members of the Public during the procession and we estimated that around 200 attended the ecumenical service.

The Member Churches advertised their Easter services on the *Churches Together* website. The Easter leaflets – printed just before lockdown in 2020 – were distributed by the different Reps. We had planned to put on a Sea Sunday event in July 2022 but we were unable to find a suitable venue. We will look at this again in 2023.

In December 2022 we hosted a Carol Singing Event on 13/12/22 at Tesco Extra, Broadstairs. Numbers attending were fewer than in previous years but all churches were represented. We were musically supported by the Salvation Army and they also collected for 'Thanet Winter Shelter' on our behalf. It was a very enjoyable event, well received by the Public and the Community Events Organiser at Tesco was very supportive. We have an open invitation to come back at any time.

January 2023 started off with a *Churches Together* luncheon at the end of 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' on 25/01/23. An enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

Our next event will be a Lent Lecture on Saturday, 25 March 2023 at St Andrews followed by a soup and roll lunch. Philip has invited Maggie Paddison to be our Speaker. Her talk will be on the work of ACTS (Active Christianity in Thanet Schools). We hope that this important event will be well supported by all Member Churches and the wider Public.

On Friday 7 April 2023 *Churches Together* will once again host the annual 'Walk of Witness' followed by a short ecumenical service at the bandstand in Broadstairs. Once again we are praying for this important act of witness to be supported by all church families.

We will also look to organise a Sea Sunday event in July 2023, to be discussed at our June meeting.

Our funds have recovered after an appeal for financial support by our Treasurer was sent out at the beginning of 2022. Despite tight budgets, each church responded with much generosity. We will discuss on how to best invest/spend the funds. We have agreed to make a donation of £200 towards ACTS who are in need of financial support.

Our *Churches Together* website has been upgraded and re-vamped. With a fresh updated look it is hoped that our Member Churches will make full use of this wonderful tool.

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Life has now returned to 'normal' and it is hoped that *Churches Together* will continue to play an integral part in the church life of Broadstairs and St Peter's.

Birgit Wilson

19/03/2023

Thanet Food Link

Thanet Food Link, in common with many other organisations locally, found an increase in demand for help from those struggling with their health, the cost of living increases and benefits issues

In the year from January to December 2022 Thanet Food Link distributed 9500 bags of food to those in need of which 2374 were handed out at the St Peter's Distribution Centre Those in receipt of help were from under 10 years of age to over 80 Of those seeking help 33 were referred by CT10 Parochial Charities.

At St Peter's we have been able, due to the generosity of those who donate, to include toiletries, pet food, bread from a local bakery and fruit and vegetables from allotments or gardens One of our volunteers uses the Olio app each Thursday and collects food from Tesco that would otherwise go to waste We also have local people who bake cakes and make sandwiches to hand out with tea and coffee since it is not unusual for clients to have gone without breakfast that morning.

For some of our volunteers it is an opportunity to give back to the community that has helped them in the past Your continued donations are making a huge difference to our neighbours.

Jenny Matterface

CT10 Parochial Charities

In common with other organisations CT10 Parochial Charities had a very busy year helping those in need, in lines with the aims of the original benefactor, Richard Culmer in his will of 1485.

Our grants during the year ranged from paying for a train fare to a London hospital appointment, helping someone move, essential white goods, a slow cooker to several lots of school uniform, roof repairs, a mobility tricycle to carpeting for someone moving into a property from the streets.

Potential clients are visited by two trustees to ascertain the level of need and not all requests are agreed.

We work closely with the food bank, having clients referred to us or we to them In the last year we have had more referrals from statutory agencies including the RISE Team (Rough Sleeper Intervention and Empowerment), Social Services, Citizen' Advice Bureau and GP Surgery Prescribers.

I doubt Richard Culmer or Hannah Taddy, a wealthy widow who left land to St Peter-in-Thanet Church in the 18th century, could ever have imagined in 2022 that, although the items needed would be very different, we would still be helping the poor and needy of Broadstairs and St Peter's as stipulated in their wills.

Jenny Matterface,

Chair, CT10 Parochial Charities

St Andrew's Women's Group

We meet every Wednesday afternoon during the school term at 1.45 for a 2.00 p.m start We give a warm welcome to all women; our group has grown in numbers and friendship.

The variety of speakers has kept the meetings interesting Tea, coffee and biscuits are in abundance! We have a pre-loved clothes rail and bookstall which raise funds for us Every year we select three different charities to support Our annual lunch is always very popular This usually takes place at the North Foreland Golf Club Another very popular and well-supported event is the annual outing, which last year was to Down House, home of Charles Darwin We have a cream tea with raffle every year and Philip conducts our end of term services, which is much appreciated.

Our Group represents a great outreach opportunity, of which we are very proud It is in its 62nd year, having started as the Mothers' Union We can still boast one original member from that time!

Janet Porter

Fellowship Lunches

After a two-year gap due to the pandemic, numbers have quickly picked up, which is most satisfying for all concerned, proving how important fellowship is Try it and see!

We meet every third Tuesday of the month in Queen's Road Baptist Church, in the back room of the Gap Café, at 12.00 for a 12.30 lunch This is always served with a smile and is very reasonably priced A small raffle produces some extra funds for St Andrew's.

Janet Porter

The Pastoral Team Report

The Pastoral Team continue to be active in the Pastoral Ministry of the Church. The last year has been easier than the previous years and we have endeavoured to keep in touch with as many of our Church family as possible. We have continued to deliver the news sheet to those who are vulnerable and unable to attend Church in person. We visit the sick when we are able and have resumed visits to Care Homes and also able to dispense Communion to people in their own homes. Thank you to John Vince for joining this team.

Regular phone calls are made to just catch up and reassure folk we are thinking of them and that they remain in the prayers of St Andrew's.

As we all get older the needs of our Congregation are changing and we would welcome members to visit and chat to folk who can no longer make the journey to Church.

We are able again to be in the Lady Chapel after the 10.00 am Church Service to listen and to pray with anyone in need.

As we go forward in 2023 the team will continue to work hard, not only for our Church family but for the wider community as well.

I would like to thank all the members of the Team for their commitment to the Pastoral life of our church.

Di Springett



Fabric Committee Report

The membership of the committee at present comprises Simon Kemp (Chairman) Philip Springett, Graham Silsbury, Richard Collins, Clive Jackson, Christine Denbeigh plus Jenny Lambert (churchwarden) in an ex officio capacity

The work of the fabric committee has, in common with most church organisations, been hamstrung by the lack of financial resources

However, the committee has achieved the following:

Storage facilities:

The Junior church has been accommodated in the rear storage room and the parent and toddler group have their own storage in the newly built extension This area is also being used by the martial arts group for their equipment and for the storage of the hall chairs and tables The Scout group has been provided with storage in the room previously used by the Junior church.

A new storage room has been built over the staircase to the upper room This will provide additional space for items to be removed from the vestry and church office.

The Choir music cabinet has been removed from the back kitchen area and placed in the Lady Chapel

Hall Piano

The choir have decided to use the hall piano, which will be tuned and a new cover provided Replacement of the casters is proposed, to avoid damage to the hall floor

Community Hall Furniture:

It is hoped to purchase a new set of chairs and a trolley, which should bring the seating capacity of the hall up to 90 The old blue upholstered chairs are being checked and the remainder of the chairs will be used in the upper room

Upper Room Blinds:

We have agreed that the vertical blinds should be replaced in due course The idea is that additional sound proofing be fitted to the large windows, and the smaller windows at either end will be blanked out An estimate for the works will be provided by Silent Gliss Ltd and it is hoped that they might sponsor the replacement.

Community Hall and Church Gutters:

Cleaning is necessary, and a working party will clean the community hall gutters A contractor will be necessary to clean the church gutters Estimate will be obtained.

External Noticeboard for Community Hall

This needs to be replaced, following recent deterioration. An estimate will be obtained from CPO (Christian Publishing and Organisation)

Discussions are taking place with The Man Shed in Broadstairs to see if they might be prepared to construct a replacement.

Disabled Entrance

It is hoped to adapt the right-hand entrance gateway, to produce a bespoke disabled entrance The left-hand entrance gateway will be refurbished

May I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the fabric committee, but especially Graham Silsbury and Richard Collins who have undertaken many repairs of items on an *ad hoc* basis, without recourse to the ponderous process which can accompany fabric committee decisions.

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