

PARISH OF ST LAURENCE-IN-THANET

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ST MARY CLIFFSEND

ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT

For the year ending 31st December 2020



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1 INTRODUCTION

The aim of the report is to review the life of the St Laurence-in-Thamet Team Ministry during 2020, as well as relating the financial statements to the work and vision of the five churches in the team. Since April 2017, the St Laurence-in-Thamet Parish has been a five church benefice which includes St Catherine Manston, St Christopher Newington, St Laurence, St Mark Northwood and St Mary Cliffsend.

2 AIM AND PURPOSE

The aim of St Laurence Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to co-operate with the Shared Leadership Team, (SLT) headed by our Team Rector Rev. Andrew Jacobson. The SLT includes Rev. Captain Pete Bone, Church Army (CA), the Parochial Wardens Sue Booker and Sharon Cutler and Parish Administrator, Freda Parker. We seek to assist in promoting within the parish the whole mission of the Church, spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical (PCC measure 1956). This is assisted by our Honorary Assistant Curate, Rev. Ken Cox, Reader and Missioner at St Mark's, Sue Cox, Readers Judith Andrews and Frances Barnes and retired priests who have permission to officiate Rev. Philip Barnes, Rev. Brian Griffiths and Rev. Pat Westbrook. The PCC has delegated maintenance responsibilities, to the relevant Local Leadership Teams (LLTs) for all five churches, and for the St Laurence Parish Hall and St Mark's Hall.

3 OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- The prime objective throughout the Parish has been to mediate the love of Christ and minister to the spiritual and practical needs of our parishioners.
- To offer a variety of both traditional and creative forms of worship in each of the five churches within the benefice.
- To grow and nurture new disciples.

4 THE TEAM RECTOR'S ANNUAL REVIEW OF 2020

The year started very well with all our church activities up and running. In January St Mark Church hosted an uplifting ecumenical service concluding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with the Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin as guest speaker. However, as Coronavirus pandemic spread, the UK Government implemented strict measures to control its spread including social distancing measures and a national lockdown in March. This meant that we had to suspend physical corporate worship and temporarily close all of our churches and group activities.

The pandemic has forced us to explore new and creative ways of communicating and supporting each other. Like many churches in the UK, we used social media to livestream Morning Prayer at 8am and Evening/Night Prayer (Compline) at 7pm via the Parish Facebook Group page. We have been ably supported in this undertaking by a faithful team of Parish Clergy and Readers. Likewise, during both the first and second lockdown we broadcast regular services of Holy Communion from both the St Laurence Rectory and St Laurence Church. Again, we have been well supported by members of the St Laurence Ministry Team. It has been most encouraging to see a significant increase in members on our Parish Facebook Group as well as new people engaging in our daily prayer and Sunday worship. By the end of 2020 we had attracted nearly 300 members.

Thanks to the diligent ministry of the Local Church Wardens Julia and Cheryl and Rev Pete the congregation at St Catherine has grown and flourished despite all the constraints of lockdown. Thanks to the generosity of a local benefactor the church organ is now being refurbished. We look forward to St Catherine's hosting some organ recitals when we are able to meet together once again.

It has been heartening to see how members of all our churches have cared for and supported each other throughout the pandemic, especially the most vulnerable amongst us and those self-isolating. Regular telephone calls, socially distanced doorstep chats and Zoom calls have enabled us all to keep in touch and look out for each other. Thank you to Parochial Wardens Sue and Sharon for all the hard work that they have done much of it behind the scenes to enable the Parish to run smoothly. Thank you also to Freda our hardworking

and dedicated Parish Administrator for publishing Pew News each week throughout the year and ensuring its distribution around the Parish.

Many families on low incomes have struggled to feed their families during the pandemic. A temporary food hub was established in the St Laurence Parish Hall in March. It was open every Monday and Wednesday afternoon for deliveries of fresh food and vegetables which were bagged up and distributed to families on the Newington Estate. We were supported by a small but dedicated team of helpers from the local community and the church. We worked in close partnership with Sharon Goodyer from the Community Kitchen, Ramsgate Council and the Corner Church in Newington Road. We stood the Food Hub down in July due to a lack of volunteers and the general expectation that we would be re-opening the Parish Hall in early autumn. Alas, due to the ongoing pandemic this did not happen. During the four month period that the food hub was open we distributed hundreds of bags of food which made a huge difference to families struggling to make ends meet. The food hub was subsequently transferred to St George's Parish Hall in Central Ramsgate where it has continued to offer a vital lifeline to the local community.

It was wonderful to be able to temporarily return to most of our churches following the first lockdown. Thank you to members of the PCC, all the Parochial and Local Wardens who worked hard to prepare our churches. They undertook a thorough risk assessment and put into place all the necessary procedures to mitigate the risk of infection. Also thank you to all our Clergy and Readers who enabled services to continue on a weekly basis. Our Christmas services were all well attended considering many of the more vulnerable members of our congregations were self-isolating. Sue Cox led a socially distanced Carol Service outside St Mark Church. Whilst at St Laurence the Catto family (Stefan, Sian, Amelia and Alistair) led an engaging online Christingle Service which was live streamed via Facebook.

Whilst it has been disappointing that we have not been able to hold most of our fundraising events this year and this has obviously impacted our income and ability to pay our Parish Share in full. Our congregations have however continued to be generous in their giving both financially and in the love and care for one another.

We thank God for the research scientists who have produced a vaccine for COVID-19 and that it is being systematically rolled out throughout the UK. We now look forward in eager anticipation, to the time (hopefully in the not-too-distant future) when we will be able to return to some form of normality. In the meantime, we will continue to love and care for each other as Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Rev Andrew Jacobson

4.1 REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

ANNA MINISTRY

Judith Andrews

I started 2020 in hope and with lots of ideas, so the first task was to put together an action plan for Anna Ministry in the Deanery and the Parish, including our project, SW+FT (Silver Wholeness For Thanet).

In February, I held a planning event at Age UK Thanet with some of those who already contribute to this Ministry. It was very successful and generated plenty of ideas for action to take forward into the year including holding a volunteers' event with afternoon tea, promoting SW+FT and Anna Ministry in the Deanery, connecting with our community and how best to support and enable our volunteers.

As with so many other areas of ministry, the pandemic sadly caused a lot of our plans to be put on hold but did provide other opportunities for outreach and support including regular pastoral calls, sending letters/cards to individuals and care homes and online events.

As the Anna Chaplain for Thanet, I have taken part in two events promoting this Ministry in the Diocese and am a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Resource Group and the Thanet Dementia Action Alliance.

As the restrictions to connect face to face carry on, I will continue to hope and pray that God will use me to spread His love to older people and those living with dementia and their families.

Anna Ministry is a way of responding to the needs of older people and people living with dementia and their families by keeping them at the forefront of church life. The plan remains to build a team of Anna Friends, who will focus on delivering spiritual care support to older people, people living with dementia and their carers, whether in care homes, private homes, churches or community settings.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH TEAM

A meeting took place on 4th February 2020 and the continued presence in St Laurence of Rock Solid, Pebbles, Coffee and Chaos and Brownies was shared. Involving children more in the events held in the Parish was explored and having the opportunity to share songs they have learned in Rock Solid with the congregation was discussed.

Plans were made for a Spring Event at the end of May for Pentecost. It did not take place but the early ideas can be used in the future. Members of the team would have been involved in the Easter Cracked event usually held at Newington Free Church and attended by schools in the Parish. Sadly, the first Lockdown and further restrictions has meant that events did not happen and also meetings have not been able to take place.

Although Easter Cracked did not take place a new style of delivery was found for Christmas Unwrapped. The delivery was online and schools were supplied with the books and posters so that they could use the resources.

Sunday Schools were suspended at the beginning of lockdown. At the request of parents online resources for the Pebbles group have been provided most weeks. Where possible contact has been maintained with parents and children. Some children have been attending church, although not regularly.

This is an opportunity to thank Gwen Hobday for her leadership of the team and her presence and guidance will be missed. We will be approaching leaders of childrens 'groups in the St Laurence area to become involved with the team, once there is a return to normality.

COFFEE & CHAOS – PARENT/CARER TODDLER GROUP

The group recommenced after Christmas 2019 with high hopes of enjoying another year of fun and fellowship for young families in and around the Parish. Sadly, however, with the spread of the pandemic families began to stop coming and it was agreed the Group should close just prior to the first lockdown and has not been able to meet physically since then.

Sporadic contact has been made with families at times such as major festivals and they have been informed of live streaming events/services relevant to them.

As approximately one third of families attending at beginning of 2020 had children who started full time education in September 2020 overall numbers have declined, but hopefully this will be reversed when we are again able to offer a couple of hours once a week for Mums/Dads/Carers to bring under school age children to a session of fun and fellowship for the parents.

Gwen Hobday

FRESH EXPRESSIONS**Ignite Report for the St Laurence In Thanet Trustees report 2020**

The year started off normally with the standard evenings after New Year. The attendance was somewhat lower than normal, we were having meetings with Rev Patrick Ellisdon and his wife Debbie to try and ascertain if there is a problem or is just the itinerant nature of the attendees. Certain suggestions were put forward but in the time we had before the lockdown we had no chance to bring those suggestions forwards.

We were due to attend a training session on the 21st March which would have brought all the Diocese wide teams together to learn and get to know each other. Unfortunately, in the days prior to that weekend, the Diocese issued an instruction detailing that all Ignites should be shut down for 12 weeks. As we all know this has now continued for nearly a year and we have not met since the initial instruction to close.

Patrick and Debbie have been conducting zoom meetings with the teams. We have unfortunately been unable to re-open as the social distancing would have been a problem, as the attendees would not adhere to the requirements.

The members have our contact details and we have seen them out and about. We have had no calls from them during the time we have been off.

All this adds up to a very frustrating and depressing year, I think with the ideas we discussed would have refreshed Ignite at St Christopher's and moved our mission on. We can only hope that when we have beaten the pandemic, we can restart, bringing God's love and word to the sessions as we were doing before.

Rev Ken and Mrs Sue Cox.

COMMUNITY

The Thanet Winter Shelter used the St Laurence Parish Hall on Friday nights at the end of February and the beginning of March. As a result of the Covid Pandemic other arrangements were made for the TWS in the winter of 2020/21

PARISH PASTORAL & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Parish Bereavement and Pastoral team includes both ordained and nine trained lay volunteers. (five are A. L. Ms). We usually meet twice a month to discuss any matters that concern Pastoral or Bereavement matters. These meetings however have been put on hold for the time being because of the Covid situation. We did find that it was important to keep in touch with each other via the telephone. We also keep in touch with people in the parish that needed a listening ear. Although the team is small in number we work hard to try and meet people's needs.

Footprints coffee club met only three times in 2020. This was because of the Covid situation. These meetings were held in the Parish Hall on a Tuesday afternoon as there was no heating in the church. Our thanks to Gwen Hobday for her help in preparing the hall.

Tuesday is the day that we meet usually from 10 00 am until 11 30 am. This is every month.

The numbers in the group vary as do the ages. All are welcome.

During the Covid lockdown each member of the B V and Pastoral team have taken the telephone numbers of our regular group and others, to keep in touch. This seems to have worked out very well.

Everyone is looking forward to being together again especially for our outings and fish and chip lunches. We also have a party planned.

On a sad note one of our regular members has died. John Hobday. John often gave us a donation to our funds. He will be missed.

We always remember that we walk the path of grief together.

Marcia Neve

4.2 ST CATHERINE MANSTON

Number of LLT meetings: 3 (1 in person, 2 via Zoom)

Number of baptisms: 1 (2 Feb 2020)

No weddings. No funerals.

Fabric of the building remains sound. The gutters have been cleared again, need attending to regularly because of the overhanging yew tree, which requires some attention. Steve Ainsworth (groundsman) will tackle this with help of Malcolm Penn when it is safe to do so (when Covid restrictions cease). One roof tile has come adrift, right up on the apex of the roof. This is difficult to resolve, although no leakage has been seen inside the church.

The restoration of the organ was agreed due to a benefactor providing the finance. Much correspondence between Barbara Redman and Mike Keay of FH Browne (now Mander Organ Repairs) and their estimate of £39,990 was approved by the LLT and PCC. Two grants have been applied for (by Barbara Redman) and gift-aid.

The church clock tends to stop during cold/damp weather. TDC has always provided the servicing as it is a public clock, but not done during 2020. Julia Penn

4.3 ST CHRISTOPHER NEWINGTON

The Church of St Christopher is located at the end of Princess Margaret Avenue in Newington. Since 2019 there have been no members on the electoral roll. During 2020 there were no Sunday services but there was a bi-monthly service of Holy Communion after the Monday coffee morning. Ignite met each week on a Thursday. Both continued until Lockdown 1 which started in March 2020.

St Christopher's House, formerly the home of the St Laurence in Thanet Team Vicar, has been granted planning permission for use by the 'Break the Cycle Project'. This is a project in which 4 people leaving Elmley Prison are provided with a home and support to assist them in their transition to living in the community.

4.4 ST LAURENCE

Local Churchwarden's report 2020

As you know, 2020 was a difficult year due to the coronavirus pandemic. In accordance with guidelines, St. Laurence was closed on 17th March. We are grateful to Rev. Andrew for providing Morning and Compline Services every day and live-streaming a Communion Service every Sunday, also for e-mailing his Sermons.

No weddings were celebrated at St Laurence in 2020 but there were 5 baptisms and 5 funerals. Because of the lockdown, it was impossible to hold any of the usual fund-raising events after 17th March. The last event was a Quiz Evening in the Parish Hall on the 14th March, which was an entertaining and informative evening and was well-attended.

Following the installation of the new boiler, which was completed after lockdown ended, heating was restored to the church.

A Risk Assessment was completed on 7th July.

On the 11th July a group of thirteen volunteers went into the church to move into storage areas various items – such as the runners that covered the pew seats, the books for sale and all non-essential tables and signage. Fortunately, it was not necessary to remove the hymn books, it was sufficient to merely make sure they were securely covered by taping black plastic bags over the whole shelving unit. Items have been stored either upstairs in the Thurstin Room or in the north-west corner of the church. Various areas of the church were also roped-off to prevent access by the congregation.

On the 14th July, a team of volunteers went into the church to give it a thorough clean and make sure that all surfaces were sanitised. After a discussion between various people, it was decided that the best system of seating would be to have (for example) the first pew with one person at each end, then a single person in the centre of the second pew, then continue alternately. It was suggested that marking the seat placings with the gridiron logo would be a good idea and it was arranged for these to be printed off and laminated. The back section of the pews would be used primarily for groups (either family groups or bubbles).

On the first Sunday the church re-opened for Communion (19th July), Sue, Sharon and I acted as sides-persons, so that we could demonstrate the procedures that had to be followed to ensure that the rules for sanitizing and social distancing were observed. The congregants were very co-operative insofar as providing 'phone numbers and completing Consent Forms were concerned, sitting where told and following all instructions provided to ensure everyone's safety. It was noted that there were smiles on everyone's faces as they arrived and left.

After a long period of not being able to get into the church, the Holy Dusters resumed their duties on the 30th July. Their continued dedication to keeping the church clean, tidy and refreshed is greatly appreciated and, in particular, the extra cleaning they carried out for Rev. Andrew's licensing to make sure the church was looking its best.

Congratulations to Rev. Andrew on becoming our Team Rector, after a memorable and uplifting service conducted by Bishop Rose.

There have been Sundays, when we came close to putting up the 'church full' sign, which led to discussions between the Parochial and Local Churchwardens of whether (and, if so, how) we could safely increase the seating capacity. By the beginning of December, we managed to open up some more pews, which increased the space to allow about 70 attendees. This reorganization was completed just in time for Rev. Andrew's licensing and with a view to Christmas services.

Notwithstanding the restrictions, a Christingle Service was provided online and was live-streamed from St. Laurence on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to Rev. Andrew and the Catto family for making it such a success.

Thanks are due to the whole of the Ministry Team for taking services over the past year. During 2020 we were so fortunate to have had the pleasure of having Rev. Pete, Rev. Brian and Rev. Phil taking services. Throughout lockdown, we have also had the joy of hearing our Parish Readers attached to the church preach and lead the intercessions. Due to the commitment of our Readers and Intercessors we have been able to continue to support the clergy during services.

St. Laurence is still having problems with rain leaking into the church, though when the gutters were examined, no lead had been removed and no damage could be seen. It looks as if a historic problem of gullies not being able to cope with sudden surges of heavy rain combined with wind still needs to be addressed.

The LLT unanimously agreed that CCTV should be installed in the memorial garden, having received excellent advice, and had managed to source a solar-powered camera for a reasonable amount, which a generous donation had already covered.

The Diocese appointed a new person to deal with the Denys Le Fevre memorial plaque and all kinds of new information had been requested, including photos of other memorial plaques in the church. A member of the LLT helpfully went round the church after a meeting, taking photos of the other plaques, which were subsequently forwarded to the Parish Administrator.

We do need volunteers who are prepared to fulfil various duties within the church, such as:

- Preparation of the monthly rota for Readers and Intercessors;
- Acting as Sides Persons;
- Assisting with counting the collection;
- Becoming involved with Holy Dusters, the Prayer Space, fundraising events, etc.

We are all an integral part of the church and any time that can be carved out of our busy lives to help support it is greatly appreciated.

Ann Gregson

Acorn Club Report 2020

The Acorn Club is a group of older members of the community who meet on a Thursday afternoon between 2p.m. and 4p.m. in term-time in the St Laurence Parish Hall for fun refreshment and fellowship. There are currently 17 members on the register. The club only met on 9 occasions in 2020. The first meeting was the annual lunch in The Racing Greyhound and the other eight were in St Laurence Parish Hall. Lockdown 1 in response to the Covid 19 pandemic then began and the Parish Hall remained closed for the remainder of 2020. Acorn organiser, Zoë, has kept monthly contact with the members by phone and an Easter and Christmas card. Marion Astley who helps to run the club bought, wrapped and delivered a Christmas present to each member and Jan Lennox, a club member, has continued to send birthday cards to club members. Members have missed the regular social contact and look forward to the club re-opening in 2021

Zoë Story (Acorn Club organizer) 01843 580178

Tower Captain's Report for 2020

2020.....Well, a year which will go down in memory for all the wrong reasons.

We started the year by saying goodbye to Rev Stanley whose funeral was on 16th January at St Saviours Church in Westgate on Sea. For as long as I have been at St Laurence, Stanley had always been ringing there, he was such an inspirational person and so encouraging with everyone, youngsters, beginners and long-established ringers. He will also be fondly remembered in the tower for leading down at the end of a practice session, providing we had at least 15 minutes to go!

We were hoping to push ahead with 10 bell ringing with the view to be competent enough to ring something Royal for the 200th anniversary of the Royal Harbour in 2021. We opened up our ringing practice to all the towers in Thanet for this event, however I think we will be lucky to get through Plain Hunt Royal when we are able to ring again.

February saw some particularly harsh wind and weather so we cancelled practice and Sunday ringing, which, if we had known what was about to happen, we might have persisted with ringing. March 16th saw ringing suspended due to COVID-19.

Easter was a particularly hard time as the usual Good Friday half muffled quarter peal could not take place neither could ringing on Easter Day.

19th May saw the band make its first tentative steps on Ringing Room. A web-based bell ringing chamber where we could all meet up to "ring" and see and chat to each other via skype.

July saw the relaxing of restrictions regarding COVID-19 so a risk assessment was carried out to see what we would be able to do safely to get back to ringing. We were guided at all times by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) who were working with the House of Bishops Recovery Group. The final outcome only allowed 15 minutes ringing before a Sunday Service.



Early September a check of the bells and ropes was carried out by Mick, John and Dennis, who made sure the bells were ready for ringing when we were allowed to do so, and with great excitement 5 of us made Sunday 13th September the first COVID safe ring in the tower.

(Note to Team we must get Dennis a tower shirt)

1st November saw the last ring in the tower before the second lockdown of 2020.

Christmas again was a particularly difficult time with no midnight service to ring for and no ringing Christmas Morning.

To end my report on a positive note, we are now able to ring Plain Bob Doubles with bobs, in Ringing Room. This is a great achievement by every ringer. Well done!

I would like to say “Thank you” to all the St Laurence ringers for turning up at practice every Tuesday during this difficult year and I truly hope before too long we will be back to ringing real bells again.

Freda Parker, Tower Captain St Laurence in Thanet Change Ringers

Fairtrade Group 2020 report

There were no celebrations for the 4th birthday of the St Laurence Fair Trade group as the Covid pandemic curtailed many activities. However, Fairtrade fortnight in Feb / March was marked by a Cake bake after the 8a.m. and 10a.m. services in St Laurence Church. This raised £55.55 for Traidcraft Exchange which supports producers across the globe ensuring that they get a fair price for the goods they produce and thereby ensuring a future free from poverty for their families.

The Group also ran a challenge from Fairtrade fortnight through to Harvest to raise sufficient funds for a Malawian rice farmer to pay for a year's basic education for one of his children. Parishioners were asked to buy stickers at £2 each which were stuck to a very large poster of a bag of rice. The target was reached and a total sum of £160 raised.

Acorn club had a Fairtrade quiz and the refreshments included a selection of cakes made with at least one Fairtrade ingredient by the Fairtrade group members.

There have been 3 ‘meetings’ this year conducted by phone and emails. Freda has resigned and the role of treasurer is awaiting a new recruit to the team, which is now Gwen Hobday and Zoë Story.

Zoë Story

The Friends of the Churchyard Report 2020

Fresh air and exercise are recommended to stay fit, so a team has been busy in the Churchyard for most of the year, from around mid-June onwards especially – starting with about half a dozen and by Christmas with over 10.

The Town Council workers have not worked in the Churchyard for 16 months except to scarify the grass and put seeds for a wild flower meadow in the space by the Manston Gate. *

Mowing, normally done by the Council, has been done by Phil Redmond. This returned the immediate surrounds of the Church to pre-lock down state. This was enhanced by Marion Astley who did a good job trimming the Cherry trees. De-weeding and clearing the pathway to the Church was achieved by the time the Church re-opened.

Annual tasks were carried out, such as cutting the Alexander, pulling up the “sticky weed”, and digging up sycamore and holly sprigs. We also concentrated on keeping the view of the memorial garden clear from all parts of the pathway through the Churchyard (especially after the incident of vandalism in July). This included removing branches of Sycamore, which were barring the view when coming from the Manston Gate entrance. Untidiness to the side of the pathway has been cleared over the months and the War Graves and many other graves have been cleared.

With the increase of volunteers, we have been able to clear the 30% of bramble and scrub, which the Council and Rev. Andrew agreed should be cleared in order to keep to the Wild Life Plan which was bought for us by the Council a few years ago. Although the Council also agreed that the trees should be lifted, so far no work has been done. One fir tree which was blocking the view of the Mausoleum has now been “lifted” by a volunteer and we hope to “trim” more trees during the winter period and also cut back the hedging by the Chase Wall.

We have quite a number of builders' bags ready for the tip, which we hope will be removed by the Town Council.

It is worth mentioning that without the twice weekly litter pick carried out by a volunteer, the Churchyard itself would look like a tip.

It has been a somewhat frustrating year but the sense of camaraderie and achievement has made the "Churchyard Volunteering" very enjoyable. Many thanks to all those involved in the hard work and a special thanks to the generous member of the congregation who donated the lawn mower.

* It could be that the men had come to mow round the vicinity of the Church as well, but found it already done.

Barbara Byne

Events Report 2020

We were very lucky to have been able to put on a few events at the beginning of the year, together with the monthly Church Tour. These are listed below.

18.1.20 Sharon's Talk	£180
15.2.20 Margaret Ovenden's Talk	£237
14.3.20 Quiz	£530
Tours Jan/Feb/March	£92.70
Books (Sales Table) Jan/Feb/March	£38.86
Total	£1078.56

Thanks are due to the people who enabled the events to take place – especially Marion Astley for the catering, with some help from Margaret Bolton, Sharon for her talk on William Cowper, Margaret Ovenden for her talk on the philanthropist Angela Burdett-Coutts and, of course, the many who attended.

Barbara Byne on behalf of the above.

Missions and Giving 2020

The collecting year started in November 2019 and went on normally. There were Saturday Coffee Mornings in February and March. Then the fund raising was disrupted by the spring lockdown. This resulted in the Lent collecting boxes for C.M.S. not being handed in and no boxes being issued for the spring/summer in aid of the five 'worldwide' charities which we support. There was no collection for Christian Aid.

A few outstanding boxes/donations were handed in during the Autumn but the overall effort was a reduced total income of £562. The previous year it was £1006.

Most of the 'home' charities received about £50 each and the 'worldwide' ones about £40. The sums agreed by the LLT are displayed in church.

It seems that the donations for 2021 may well be lower still. We receive letters from charities saying their incomes have been greatly reduced. Please do what you can to give them the help they need.

Peter Williams

Pebbles 2020

In September, I wrote an article for the Parish News to demonstrate that Pebbles was alive and well. The full article can be found on the St Laurence Website and shares my thoughts of joy, challenges and disappointments

– makes a good read. There was an update in November with reference to Advent resources, for the Parish News.

At the request of a parent, arrangements were made for me to provide resources each week starting in May and it is also proving an opportunity to keep in touch with the parents and children. We even had a new family join us, which is brilliant. There have been a couple of occasions when a session has been missed but parents were very supportive of me and coped with the few weeks when this has happened. Several of the children should have moved out of Pebbles but have decided to stay put until Rock Solid re-opens.

The inability to reopen Pebbles in the near future means that I have to rely on everyone in the Parish ensuring that parents with children aged 3+ are advised that all they have to do is to contact me and I will add them to the mailing list.

I get so much pleasure from the continuing contact with the parents, sharing my news and hearing theirs. Also, providing the weekly resources ensures that St Laurence is keeping in touch with our future congregation. Long may it last

Sue Booker

Prayer Space 2020

The last theme for the Prayer Space at St Laurence was to write on a card anything we should be thankful for and hang on the Prayer Tree. Little did we realise that a year later, we should really be grateful and thanking God for all he provides for us. If people had access to the Prayer Space – closed due to Covid Restrictions – we can be sure that none of us would struggle to list all we can be grateful for. To see the Prayer Tree full of thanks would be wonderful – perhaps we can think of a way to do this and share on the Webpage. Once we can attend church without any restrictions, it would be good if everyone could be involved in suggesting themes for Prayers and be prepared to help set up each new theme. The time has passed for the majority to wait for the minority to carry out all the tasks in our beautiful church, St Laurence.

Sue Booker

4.5 ST MARK NORTHWOOD

St Mark's Church is situated on the corner of Margate Road and Pysons Road in the Northwood Area of Ramsgate. It is one of 5 churches in the Parish of St Laurence -in- Thanet in the Diocese of Canterbury.

There have been 3 LLT meetings, 2nd Feb, 24th Feb, 11th Oct. A 4th meeting arranged for 6th December was cancelled that morning, as many of the LLT had to cancel several due to Covid -19 Isolation.

We have 78 members on the Electoral Roll.

2020 was a strange year, it started so well, who knew what was to happen. On 26th January, the church was full to bursting point as St Mark's hosted the Annual WPCU Ecumenical United Service. The service was led by Rev. Andrew and was made even more special by the presence of the Bishop of Dover who preached. Music was supplied by the Ramsgate Salvation Army Band and the Belle Plates. The Thanet cake mountain was built and eaten and a good time was had by all. This general feeling of celebration continued through February into March, by the 1st March St Mark's had celebrated 6 Baptisms.

Services:

At the beginning of the year, Sunday services continued in their normal pattern, with A Family/All age service on 1st Sunday, Holy Communion 2nd & 4th, Morning Worship 3rd. Evening services were also held each week with Evening Praise 1st, 2nd & 3rd and Café Service 4th. The Belle Plate group joined the morning service on 4th Sunday.

We had our AGM on 15th March, before the Church was closed through the lockdown for Covid-19. The Church remained closed to all, until July, when a small group donned masks gloves and armed with sanitising gel, spray and wipes opened up the doors and windows, stacked and removed chairs, books and papers and set about cleaning everything to make the church ready for the first post lockdown service on Sunday 19th July. Numbers for services were restricted to 30 and booking was required. The evening service was not taking place. We did not at first have a communion service, but after a few weeks had one per month until the second lockdown, which lasted for the whole of November. We got back to church on 6th December just in time to prepare for Christmas. There was no midnight service this year, and no Christingle, however we did manage a Carols in the carpark on 20th December. Christmas morning was a communion service. Following our Epiphany service on 3rd January the church was once again closed as we entered Covid-19 lockdown 3.

Events:

During the year, several events were planned, but due to lockdown and other restrictions all had to be cancelled.

Groups and Associations:

All of our groups and associations had to be put on hold. The Belle Plates did manage to play for a couple of services, including our Christmas family service.

Hall:

The hall continued to be used by National Blood transfusion service, who booked extra slots over this time. However, they were the only bookings allowed due to Covid restrictions.

Fabric:

During the course of the year, there were several minor maintenance problems, which were quickly dealt with. The leak in the roof appeared again, but only seems to occur when the wind and rain are coming from a specific direction. Although we now have enough money for the new kitchen, circumstances have been against starting the project. Hopefully the new year will enable this to happen. One other problem which arose, was with the inside doors at the back of the church. These doors are extremely heavy, but swing freely in both directions. Following the WPCU service one of our church members caught her hand in the door as it swung back, removing the tip of her finger. There were several First Aiders on hand and she was treated on site before being taken to hospital. She has made a full recovery. As a temporary measure, the doors were fastened back to prevent their use. This removes the risk of further accidents, but does mean the church is rather cold. The LLT is looking into the best way of dealing with the problem. During the current situation, the doors need to be open for ventilation, but will need to be dealt with during next year.

Charities:

St Mark's continues to support Kisumu, Tear fund and CPAS and regularly donates to the foodbank through St Pauls Cliftonville.

St Mark's has had a challenging year, along with all the team, but we have risen to the challenge, working together to keep in touch with each other, by phone, email and even chats over the garden gate. We have passed information, prayer requests and general news around. Our thanks go to Chris, who has managed to keep the prayer diary circulating. We look forward to a time when we can gather in church to thank God for keeping us safe and sing to His glory. Oh, and rebuild the cake mountain.

Sue Cox (Missioner)

4.6 ST MARY CLIFFSEND

Although St Marys has been closed for a good part of the year, there are still positive things to report.

4 Mar 20. A Lent Course was started by the Rev Ken Cox, attended by 17 people, but due to the coronavirus, it was curtailed on 11 Mar 20.

18 Mar 20. Church opened for public private prayer 9-10 am and 3 - 4 pm daily.

25 Mar 20. Prayer ceased due to lockdown.

14 Jun 20. Daily Prayer (Solitary) Office, 9 - 10 am, 3 - 4pm, commenced.

17 Jun 20. Church laid out and checked as per Risk Assessment No 3.

1 Jul 20. Decision made not to open St Marys Church for public services due to vulnerable, elderly people and, also because the chairs were cloth covered and not wooden or plastic, as required as per Risk Assessment No 4.

Solitary Morning and Evening Prayer Office continued.

12 Jul 20. Churches open except St Marys and St Christopher.

26 Jul 20. St Marys ACM and LLT MTG held at St Marks, chaired by Rev Ken Cox. 9 people attended.

7 Sep 20. LLT Mtg held in St Marys, chaired by Rev Ken Cox. 5 people attended.

12 Sep 20. Stride and Ride - Poster on church door contained 15 signatures of participants.

31 Aug 20. Farewell card and present presented to Dorothy Darby on Cliffsend Village Field by Rev Ken Cox.

14 Oct 20. Risk Assessment No4 completed. Church inspected and form sent to Archdeacon by Team Rector with a view to services commencing in St Marys on 25 Oct 20.

5 Nov 20. Church closed again. Solitary Prayer Offices continued.

12 Nov 20. Boiler Serviced.

5 Dec 20. Church opened again for Public Services.

12 Dec 20. Fire Extinguishers inspected.

22 Dec 20. Church opened for Public Prayer daily 9 - 10 am and 3 - 4 pm.

5 Jan 21. Church closed again - Solitary Daily Prayer 9 - 10am, 3 - 4 pm continuing during lockdown.

Blessings.

John Vinson

4.7 ST LAURENCE PARISH HALL

The hall has not been open for the usual bookings since the lockdown in March 2020. It was, however, used in the summer to prepare food parcels.

The electrical system has had a complete examination but no one has been engaged, so far, to rectify the faults reported.

The roof was repaired in the spring to cure leakage during heavy rain in three places: the back store, near the wooden cupboard and near the piano. In spite of this work, leakage is still continuing in the last two places. Work has been requested but has not been forthcoming.

No satisfactory replacement has been found for the hot water boiler for making tea.

In spite of the luxuriant growth by the buddleia, the pathways beside the hall have been kept clear.

When the hall is re-opened, we shall need a new cleaner. Jonathon Greenaway is now working full time and Cherry Greenaway has decided to retire. We are grateful for their services.

Peter Williams

4.8 THE BARBER SHOP

Located adjacent to the St Laurence Parish Hall continues to be leased to Simon Wiseman with whom we have a good working relationship. The PCC agreed to waive the rent during the two lockdowns in 2020 when he was unable to open the shop.

4.9 ST LAURENCE JUNIOR ACADEMY

The Ministry Team continue to take worship at the school every Monday and Thursday even during these difficult times. We hope to once again, bring the children to church, once we are able to. Every term Reverend Andrew leads a whole school service via Microsoft Teams. The Ministry Team and the school have been using the Big Start Assemblies resources for worship and have also use the Diocesan Fresh Approach resources.

The school has worked with the Ministry Team in the following ways:

- During the first Lockdown our children wrote cards to the elderly parishioners to let them know that they were thinking of them.
- In term 1 2020 Year 5 visited the church to look at the building and the features of the interior of the church.
- In November 2020 Year 6 visited Canterbury Cathedral virtually to participate in a Cathedral Day alongside other schools.
- At Christmas Miss Henley created a CD of our children singing carols to be used at Christmas services.
- Although the children couldn't sing carols to the elderly parishioners this Christmas; the classes each created a Christmas box for each of them with a card and goodies instead. These were delivered by the House Captains and the Senior Leadership Team using the school minibus. All necessary hygiene and precautionary COVID measures were applied to keep the community safe.
- Mrs. Catto helped to deliver the Christingle service virtually from the church - our children were invited to attend.
- The children have led services at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. As well as this a Leavers' Service took place on our field in July. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions these took place in school or virtually. No parents have been able to attend due to COVID19.
- The Ministry Team have also continued to support staff in times of personal difficulty. Reverend Andrew continues to come into school at least weekly to lead worship but also to provide pastoral support to staff.

- Before Lockdown, many of our pupils attended Rock Solid.
- The school advertises the church's events through newsletters, text messages, Facebook and our website. The Church kindly allowed a banner to be put up detailing the School's Open Days and Evenings last term.

For any more information regarding the school's events please visit our newsletters detailed on our website <http://www.stlaurencejuniors.co.uk/news/Newsletters>

MA Palmer, Headteacher

School Prayer

God make my life a little light
within the world to glow.
A little flame burning bright
wherever I may go. Amen



5 ELECTORAL ROLL FIGURES AND USUAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**Electoral Roll Report**

The Electoral Roll information for all five district churches is given below

St Catherine	14
St Christopher	0
St Laurence	76
St Mark	77
St Mary	25
Totals	192

Church Attendance

St Catherine	10.5
St Christopher	0
St Laurence	31
St Mark	26.75
St Mary	2.75

The average Sunday attendance figures total across the Parish for 2020 were 71

There were 75 viewings online per week for Sunday services.

6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

6.1 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parish of St Laurence-in-Thamet

I report on the accounts of the parish for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.



Mrs Judith Rowland-Hill FCA
20 Mount Green Avenue, Cliffsend, CT12 5JF

April 2021

6.2 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £135,963 of which £78,279 was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £23,341 was from Gift Aid. Restricted voluntary receipts of £25,190 were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements. Leasing of the Barber Shop provided a net income of £3,736, rent was paid for seven out of twelve months, for which we are grateful.

A comparison between the 2019 and 2020 accounts shows that Planned Giving through envelopes and standing orders was slightly decreased - incredible considering the challenging year that we have had, our thanks go to all those who ensured their Planned Giving continued throughout the restrictions that the pandemic brought with it. Unsurprisingly, Collections at services decreased by 43%. An unrestricted donation of £5,000 was received and a Legacy of £2,500 from the estate of the late Betty Pearce. A generous benefactor has ensured that the refurbishment of the organ at St Catherine's Church is able to proceed in January 2021 (£19,540). All weddings had to be postponed until 2021.

New utility contracts were negotiated for St Mark's Church, St Catherine's Church and the Rectory. Rental income in the parish totalled £13,084 – a decrease of £20,579 compared with 2019. Fund raising activities across the parish this year were severely impacted - £1,718 compared with £13,913 last year. Gridiron sales generated £149. The final Parochial Fees Grant (£43.27) was received.

£130,753 was spent from unrestricted funds, including the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share. The sum that the churches of the Ministry have to find is apportioned between the churches according to a formula that is based on the Usual Sunday Attendance (USA) and the voluntary receipts of each church. Despite the problems we have faced this year we were able to pay £73,315, leaving a deficit of £34,000. Thanks to the kindness of donors, the boiler at St Laurence was replaced in June (£18,636.07).

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £6,479. For 2021 we have received a welcome reduction in the share that our five churches have to find - £99,276, we will also have to try and reduce the deficit of 2020.

6.3 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

					TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2020	2019
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Receipts:						
Planned Giving		47,064			47,064	48,826
Collections at services		11,312			11,312	19,856
All other giving / voluntary receipts	5a	19,903	25,190		45,093	45,659
Gift Aid recovered		23,341	4,935		28,276	14,277
		101,619	30,125	0	131,744	128,618
Activities for generating funds	5b	2,198			2,198	14,498
Investment income	5c	15,807	1,491		17,298	20,669
Church Activities	5d	16,339	149		16,488	39,404

Total Receipts		135,963	31,765	0	167,728	203,189
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Parish Share		72,767	548		73,315	105,521
Clergy and staffing costs		13,917			13,917	13,269
Church running expenses	5e	38,361	1,471		39,832	48,938
Hall running costs		5,607			5,607	14,973
Mission giving and donations		0	28,477		28,477	15,084
		130,652	30,496	0	161,148	197,785
Costs of generating funds	5f	101			101	1,955
Total Payments		130,753	30,496	0	161,249	199,740
Excess of Receipts over Payments		5,210	1,269	0	6,479	3,449
Transfer between funds	4	(-524)	524		0	0
		4,686	1,793	0	6,479	3,449
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		6,806	61,659		68,465	62,128
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		11,492	63,452		74,944	68,465

6.4 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
					2020 2019
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Account		5,640	30,492		36,132 29,272
Deposit Account		5,852	32,960		38,812 39,193
Cash		0			0 0
		11,492	63,452	0	74,944 68,465
Other Monetary Assets					
Gift Aid recoverable					0
		0	0	0	0 0
Investment Assets					

Investment Fund	2			393,886	393,886	381,142
		0	0	393,886	393,886	381,142
Fixed Assets retained for Church use	3				0	
Liabilities						
KCH NHS Trust; Hire Credit		1,111			1,111	0
		1,111	0	0	1,111	0

6.5 FINANCIAL NOTES

- 1 The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2 The Endowment Funds consist of various donations to be retained as capital funds, but the income is for ordinary church purposes. They are invested in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund Shares.
- 3 Fixed Assets retained for church use - St Laurence Parish Hall and Salon/Barber Shop
- 4 Movements between unrestricted and restricted funds were to address year end balances.
- 5 Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowm't Funds £
Receipts			
a Donations	6,962	23,637	
Grants	-	-	
Legacies	2,500	-	
Utilities	1,316	-	
Mission and Charity		1,553	
Miscellaneous; Church Expenses to PCC etc	9,125	-	
	<u>19,903</u>	<u>25,190</u>	
b Parish Magazine Advertising	480		
Fund Raising	1,718	-	
	<u>2,198</u>	<u>-</u>	
c Dividends on Investment Funds	11,660	1,491	
Salon Rental Income	4,116		
Bank Interest	31		
	<u>15,807</u>	<u>1,491</u>	
d Fees for Weddings and Funerals	2,784		

Parish Magazine Sales, Photocopying, Gridiron	471	149
Hall Income	13,084	
	<u>16,339</u>	
Payments		
e Music including CCLI and Organ Maintenance and Tuning	788	
Cost of Services	70	
Parish Office Costs; Printing, Stationery, Broadband/Telephone	2,176	
Church Building Running Expenses - Water, Utilities and Insurance	19,149	
Churchyard Expenses	40	
Salon Costs (Insurance and Repairs)	380	
Magazine Printing	452	
Church Repairs and Maintenance	5,226	1,058
Ignite Expenses		413
Discretionary Fund Expenses		-
Miscellaneous including Church Repayments to PCC for Running Costs (£9049.77)	10,080	
	<u>38,361</u>	<u>1,471</u>
f Fundraising	101	
	<u>101</u>	

7 REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

7.1 PARISH NAME AND LOCATION

St Laurence in Thanet Team Ministry is part of the Diocese of Canterbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, 2 Newington Road, Ramsgate. CT11 0QT

7.2 PCC MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The members of the PCC, excepting Clergy, Readers and Parochial Churchwardens, were elected at the Annual Church Meeting for each member church. All clergy in the team were members ex-officio, as were such of the Readers as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting determined. The Parochial Churchwardens were elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry). The Assistant churchwardens and/or PCC representatives were elected at the Annual Meeting of parishioners for each member church as were the Deanery Synod representatives. Helen Ulrich was re-appointed as the Parish Safeguarding Officer and co-opted to the PCC in September 2020.

Freda Parker as part of her Parish Administrator role is the Parish Disclosure Officer and continues as the Parish Health and Safety Coordinator.

PCC MEMBERS September 2020 – MARCH 2021

Priest in Charge and Chairman	Rev I Andrew Jacobson
Clergy Team	Rev Captain Peter Bone (CA) Rev Ken Cox
Parochial Churchwardens appointed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Sue Booker Sharon Cutler
Parish Reader	(vacancy)
Local Church Wardens and PCC representatives appointed at the Annual District Church Meetings (ADCM):	
St Catherine	
Local Church Wardens and PCC reps	Cheryl Belsey Julia Penn
St Christopher	
Local Church Wardens	Vacancy
PCC representatives	Vacancy
St Laurence	
Local Church Wardens and PCC representatives	Ann Gregson and one vacancy
Deanery Synod representatives	Gwen Hobday and one vacancy
St Mark	
Missioner	Sue Cox
Local Church Wardens and PCC representatives	Kevin Spain Jean Wall
Deanery Synod Representatives	Carole Bean Dave Newman
St Mary	
Local Church Wardens	John Vinson and one vacancy
PCC Representatives	John Vinson and one vacancy
All the above were approved at the APCM in September 2020	
These Deanery Synod Representatives are also members of the PCC:-	Gwen Hobday (St Laurence) Carole Bean and Dave Newman (St Mark) St Catherine, St Christopher and St Mary have no Deanery Synod Representative
Secretary (non-voting)	Zoë Story
Treasurer (non-voting)	Alison Willoughby-Browne

The PCC held conventional meetings, in January and February to approve the Trustees report. Lockdown 1 in response to the Covid 19 pandemic caused the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be postponed from April to September when it was held in St Laurence Church. There was a brief PCC meeting after the APCM to appoint the standing committee. In July, September and November, the meetings were held by Zoom, hosted and chaired

by Rev Andrew Jacobson. Altogether there were 6 PCC meetings. Between February and the June meeting issues that needed PCC approval were dealt with by email and recorded in the June PCC minutes.

Committees

The PCC has a Standing Committee which can meet between scheduled Meetings in order to discuss any outstanding business, and to make recommendations to the PCC, or to take decisions on urgent matters on behalf of the PCC. Its members are all the Parish clergy, the two parochial churchwardens and 2 PCC representatives who were Carole Bean and Sue Cox in 2020. (The treasurer and secretary are non-voting and there needs to be 5 members on the standing committee). This committee did not meet in 2020

Each of the five churches has a Local Leadership Team (LLT), elected from Parishioners who are usual attenders of that church; the composition of each LLT is formally approved by the PCC. The LLT of each church meets at least 4 times a year and reports to the PCC.

7.3 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Judith Rowland-Hill

8 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC is exempt by order from registering with the Charity Commission. It has delegated to five committees (one in each of the five churches) known as Local Leadership Teams (LLTs) all its functions in respect of the Parish Church of St Laurence-in-Tanet, St Laurence Parish Hall, and the other churches in the Parish. LLTs have more flexibility than District Church Councils (DCCs), and delegated responsibilities differ in each church depending on local circumstances.

The PCC has retained the right to be consulted and to make decisions on any expenditure proposed by the LLTs for which borrowing is required, and to decide on any application for a Faculty or Archdeacon's certificate, or planning permission for any development and its rights as an interested party under the Pastoral Measure 1983. The PCC has responsibility for the oversight of the maintenance, repair and insurance of the Churches in the Parish, namely St Catherine in Manston, St Christopher in Newington, St Laurence in Ramsgate, St Mark in Northwood and St Mary in Cliffsend, the grounds and churchyards of those churches, (In the case of St Laurence only the Memorial garden is the responsibility of the church).

Approved by the PCC on Wednesday 24th February 2021 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Andrew Jacobson (PCC Chairman)

Parish Website - <http://www.stlaurenceparish-ramsgate.org.uk>