

THE PARISH OF ST MARY AND ST EANSWYTHE WITH ST SAVIOUR FOLKESTONE

ANNUAL MEETING 2020

A meeting of the parishioners
for the purpose of Electing Two Churchwardens
and
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held in the Nave of St Mary & St Eanswythe's Church
on Sunday 4th October 2020
at 11.30 a.m.

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

[Anyone on the civil electoral roll or on the electoral roll of the parish may attend the meeting and vote]

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Appointment of Secretary.
3. Minutes of the 2019 Meeting and Matters Arising.
4. To receive the Churchwardens' Charities Account.
5. Suspension of the 6-year rule (Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001)
6. Election of two Churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

[Anyone on the electoral roll of the parish may attend the meeting and vote.]

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the 2019 Meeting and Matters Arising.
3. To receive:
 - a. A Report on changes in the electoral roll since the last APCM.
 - b. The Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary & St Eanswythe Folkestone and the activities of the parish generally.
 - c. Examined financial statement of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2019.
 - d. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church.
 - e. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod.
 - f. The Chair's Report
4. ELECTIONS
 - a. 2 Persons to serve on Deanery Synod.
 - b. 6 Persons to serve on the Parochial Church Council.
5. To consider appointments as:
 - a. Sidespersons.
 - b. Appointment of Independent Examiner.
6. Any other matters of parochial or general Church interest (to be referred to P.C.C.).

only parish church in the country with the relics of its patron saint which is a point of interest. The Finding Eanswythe Project means more people coming into the church. Also the Royal Saxon Way links us to Lyminge and Minster in Thanet. Pilgrimage in general is becoming of more interest to people. The Parish Profile has been produced. We had a meeting with Archdeacon Darren to come up with some ideas of how we want to promote ourselves to make the profile more attractive. The profile will be sent to the Archdeacon for him to complete. Quite a few photographs have been put in. Hopefully the position will be advertised in May for someone to be in post October/November.

We wish to thank our priests: Dean John Simpson who was part of the team before health issues, Tony Carroll who left to go to Mirfield Theological College, Barry Preece who has taken nearly half of our services, Bruce Bridgewood, Charles Hill, John Tomlinson and Archdeacon Darren.

We have had problems with overgrowth and brambles next door which have been resolved and the windows on the south side of the Nave have been cleaned, funded by the Friends and Sacconi concert goers..

There have been meetings to deal with churchyard security. We are looking at ways to keep people off the table top tombs. This will need a faculty and discussion with the Diocesan Authorities is needed.

Town Council and

“A Church Near You” now shows our services and events – one of very few in the Deanery., St Saviour’s has now been removed as it is no longer an Anglican church.

Chris Hunter has now re-launched the church website following the loss of our free web-

hosting.

Andrew Plested thanked everyone for what they did for the church: for flowers, cleaners, servers, choir, sacristy, Sandra and Angela, plus thanks for church welcoming duties.

[iii] Financial Report: Sandra Bierman thanked Ian Gordon for taking her to Canterbury with the accounts. These have been displayed in the porch. Mr Cheney has retired which means we need a new auditor. Sandra Bierman will talk to other churches at the next Deanery Synod in the hope of finding another auditor.

The balance in the General Fund is £7191.41. Unfortunately £5000 had to be transferred from the Fabric Account to make a working balance. This amount was part of the large Cruickshank’s grant we were given in 2017 when the Trust was wound up. We paid our Parish Share in full. During the Art Shows when the church was open daily £472.50 was donated to the church. This proves more visitors are needed to boost takings which means more welcomers to keep the church open.

Concerts raised £4587.50 – thanks to Ian Gordon. Bayle Music generates a healthy profit. The Sacconi Festival in May brought many visitors to the church. Ian also raised £518.60 by giving talks and arranging tours of the church. Thanks to Patricia Plested for raising £110 for the church in the September Ride and Stride. Rendezvous Magazine again helped with a grant of £100. The Treasurer thanked everyone who had helped raise money for the running of the church.

Kim Adlington arranged a Parish Lunch which was a success socially and all the priests who have been helping us during the interregnum were invited.

We have been blessed each year with a grant from the Cruickshank’s Trust and we now need to find a way to make up the £8000.

Ian Gordon kindly donated £120 towards the Pilcher Bible Fund for St Eanswythe’s School. This has been invested with CCLA for the sole use of purchasing bibles for school leavers. Donations received at the funeral of Fr David were sent to the Additional Curates Society and Canterbury Cathedral.

We carry a considerable financial burden to maintain the church and the Treasurer asked that people were aware of this.

The balance in the Fabric Account is £15215.88. We must keep aside £7500 for paying the insurance premium in 2019. Much work needs to be done following the quinquennial inspection and we need to boost the Fabric Fund at every opportunity. We appreciate donations which are given for this account.

The repair of the organ started last Autumn and continued in February 2019. We are grateful to the Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe who gave a grant of £4000 towards the cost.

They also gave £400 towards the cost of clearing the overgrown brambles.

Thank you to Keith and Ian Gordon for their donation of £1100.

The Magazine Fund ended £2345.91 in credit. Thank you to Paul Furminger for his work throughout the year.

Committee for National and International Missions: This account ended the year with a credit of £2625.68 and is held in abeyance until a new incumbent is appointed. However, the Churchwardens made a generous grant to the Night Shelter from their fund. This does not show in the accounts.

Flower Fund: the year ended with a balance of £695.05 and this included donations made for Robert Cass at his funeral. Thank you to Sue for her help with this account.

Sincere thanks to Norman Cavell for his continued work and time with Planned Giving and Gift Aid.

The Treasurer thanked everyone who had helped raise funds during the year.

The Accounts were accepted. Proposed: Ian Gordon. Seconded: Patricia Skelton.

- [iv] Fabric Report: Andrew Plested presented the Fabric Report. The Quinquennial Survey was received and specification of works was prepared and four companies approached. Two companies did not quote. Of the other two, one had a quote almost double that of the other. We need to find £38,000 and the Diocese has provided details of some funding bodies. We have been advised not to seek Lottery funding as this will be more appropriate when we are ready to do the far more costly wall paintings restoration. A faculty for the works has been applied for.

The faculty for the finding Eanswythe investigation is in its final approval stage.

Having repaired the damage from the 2017 break-in we suffered another break-in, this time through the 'before' Adam and Eve window. Nick Easthope removed the damaged window and installed temporary glazing. He crated the broken window which has been collected by the Cathedral Stained Glass Studios. They are very busy with the high up Nave windows in the Cathedral at present. A faculty is being sought for the temporary glazing. Another faculty will be needed to cover the repair and reinstallation of the Adam and Even window. The office door was repaired and stolen computer equipment replaced. Insurance claims have covered most of the costs so far.

The Roundels are now back in store. We can have the display unit they were housed in but it will need alteration. The Cathedral workshop is to advise on replacement light panels.

The back half of the ship on the Weathervane fell down and was retrieved from the gardens behind the flats. The architect is to obtain a quotation for repair.

The organ has been repaired. We are grateful to the Friends who provided some of the funding.

The altar floodlights have been replaced by low-energy LED replacements thanks to Ian and Keith Gordon and the Friends.

We are investigating the erection of fencing around two table tombs and on top of the Leas wall to cut down on anti-social behaviour – these will need faculties and agreement by the Council.

- [v] Deanery Synod: Sandra Bierman presented the report. There had been five meetings during the year. A service was held in Holy Trinity Church in January to commemorate the life of the Revd David Adlington. He was held in great affection by all.

Anna Drew, Diocesan Director of Communications, spoke on the importance of social media. Bishop Trevor and Archdeacon Darren had attended meetings with thoughts on the vision for Diocese and Deanery. The November meeting dealt with the resolution of the Parish Share.

- [d] Elections:

Retiring from the PCC this year: Catriona Hunter and Tom Bertram. There are four vacancies. The following were elected to serve on the PCC for three years:

Catriona Hunter: Proposed: Marilyn Edey. Seconded: P. Mullett.

Tom Bertram: Proposed: Marilyn Edey. Seconded: M. Punton.

school Kim Adlington has asked to be co-opted to the PCC to occasionally attend PCC meetings on matters.

- [e] [1] Sidespersons:
The sidespersons were re-elected en bloc.

[2] Appointment of Auditors:
This to be left in abeyance.

[f] Any other matters of parochial or general Church interest:
[to be referred to PCC].

[i] It was proposed we appoint deputy Churchwardens. This to be referred to the PCC.

[ii] The Friends: Pam Keeling reported that there had been various fundraising activities including an auction and children celebrating Women's role in World War 1. Two members of the friends have died. The Friends have contributed towards the organ and collection box etc. They have paid for installation of lighting at the altar and painted lampposts in the churchyard. They have also cleared pathways. The Friends were unable to fundraise following the death of Father David but are now able to do so. They will be holding a Quiz evening in the Woodward Hall on the 26th April and are planning a picnic in the churchyard during the summer. The Friends will also provide mulled wine and mince pies for the Creative Quarter Carol Service which is becoming a tradition.
There are plans for an exhibition next year in Folkestone Museum, the topic being The Revd David Railton, curate of this church at the time of the First World War. The Revd Railton is the person whose concept led to the Tom of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. 2020 will be the 100th anniversary of the Unknown Warrior being laid to rest in Westminster Abbey.

Date of next PCC meeting: Wednesday 4th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed with The Grace.

Signed

Dated

**THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY AND SAINT EANSWYTHE
WITH SAINT SAVIOUR FOLKESTONE**

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31 December 2019

Sequestrators and Churchwardens

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Mr Andrew Plested

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**The Parish of St Mary and St Eanswythe with St Saviour Folkestone : Annual Report of the
Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2019**

Administrative Information

The Parish of Folkestone, St Mary and St Eanswythe with St Saviour is in the Elham Deanery, in the Diocese of Canterbury with the Church of England. There are two places of worship, the Parish Church of St Mary and St Eanswythe in the town centre of Folkestone and the Chapel of St Augustine, 39/41 Dover Road, Folkestone which is a Local Ecumenical Project shared with the Greek Orthodox Church of St Mark and St Fotini. The former Parish Church of St Saviour, Canterbury Road, is now occupied by Harbour Church.

The correspondence address is sainteanswythe@yahoo.co.uk.

The Parochial Church Council [PCC] is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 24th April 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Churchwardens:	Mrs Pamela Mullett Mr Andrew Plested	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Sandra Bierman [Treasurer] Mr Mark Punton	[Elected in 2017 to serve for three years]
Elected Members:	Mr Tom Bertram Mrs Meg Davey Mrs Marilyn Edey Mr Ian Gordon Mrs Catriona Hunter Mrs Patricia Skelton Mr David Wright	[Elected until 2022] [Elected until 2020] [Elected until 2021] [Until 11.8.19] [Elected until 2022] [Elected until 2020] [Until 12.11.19]
Co-opted Member:	Mrs Kim Adlington	[From 4.6.2019]
Advisors to the PCC:	For the St Augustine's Centre: For the Music: Secretary: Architect: For our Schools:	Carol Godden Dr Toby Huitson Angela Flisher James Ford Trevor North Sarah Laws Jean O'Callaghan

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Parish Disclosure Officer have ensured that our parish procedures, organisation and pastoral practices comply with our duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Aim and purposes

St Mary and St Eanswythe with St Saviour PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The Church exists to make Jesus Christ known in Folkestone through worship, fellowship and mission. It looks to encourage its members and the people of the community of which it is a part, to realise their full potential as children of God. It also has the responsibility of maintaining the fabric of the Parish Church of St Mary and St Eanswythe, Folkestone a Grade 11* listed building.

Achievements and performance

There are 62 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 31 of whom are resident within the parish. 1 name was added during the year and 3 names were removed through death. The average weekly attendance in the parish was 45 plus 6 children. On Easter Day 2019 there were 69 worshippers. On Christmas Eve there were 60 worshippers, Christmas Day 73 adults and 7 children and 105 at the Crib Service. Other statistics show that 18 baptisms, 2 marriages, 11 candidates confirmed and 9 funerals [3 in church] took place in 2019. There was one burial of ashes.

The full PCC met 9 times during the year. Members of the PCC are on the St Augustine's Joint Council our LEP with the Greek Orthodox Church which manages the St Augustine's Centre.

Sadly we lost Dean Emeritus John Simpson who was of invaluable help to the parish until his illness. We are also very grateful to the Reverends Bruce Bridgewood, Charles Hill, Barry Preece and John Tomlinson who have been covering our Sunday services, plus a monthly Holy Communion service on Thursday morning, during the interregnum.

A Children's Church service organised by St Eanswythe's School has been held once a term during the year. The service was followed by our usual Sung Eucharist. In the absence of an incumbent the Reverend Bob Weldon has been taking the School Eucharist in Church once a fortnight.

We extend thanks to Ian Gordon and Sandra Bierman for the Sunday afternoon concerts which have been well received. An Art Exhibition was held in church and proved very successful. A Christmas Coffee Morning was held in church which generated funds for the parish. The Finding Eanswythe Project has generated much interest in the church and is ongoing.

The PCC is active in promoting the Church as a place of worship and as a place of historical and musical interest. We welcome visitors and frequent concerts have drawn many to enjoy the building's excellent acoustics.

The parish community and staff continue to give support and encouragement to our two parish schools of St Eanswythe and St Mary.

Finance Review, Independent Examiner's Report and Accounts

All follow on the Financial Statements pages, approved by the PCC on 31 March 2020. Signed:

Revd Dr John Walker (Chair)

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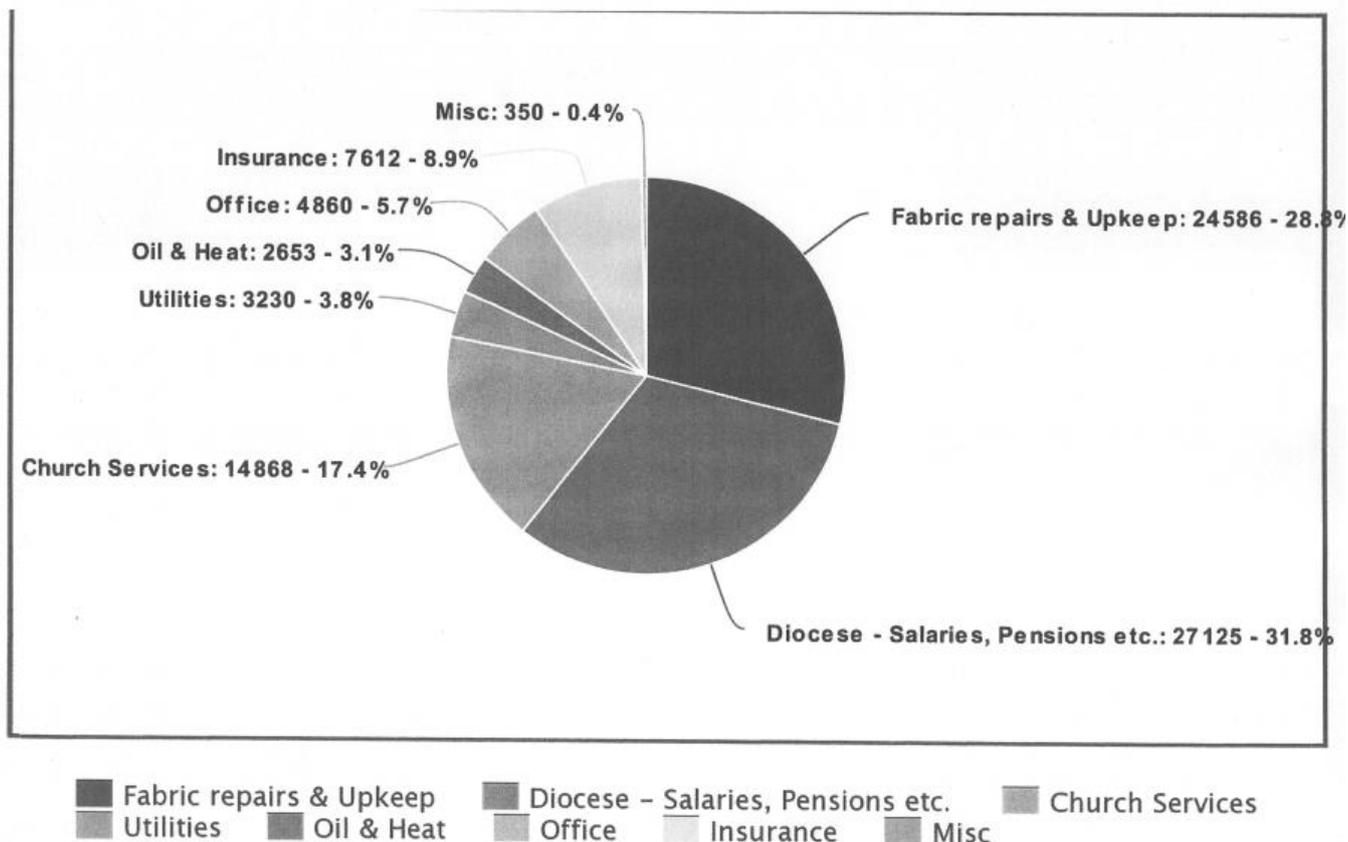
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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

for the year ended 31 December 2019

Current Treasurers Report

We have created a Pie Chart in order to give you some idea where our expenditure went in 2019:



The two main items are due largely to the following:

The Fabric Repairs include much needed repairs to the roof, these are continuing this year but the funding is provided by various grants. This is all thanks to Andrew's hard work.

The Diocese figure includes payments for Priest Fees during the interregnum.

Pam Keeling & Jenny Coleman

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Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church

Quinquennial works

The Quinquennial Report, together with investigations into the water leaks into the Nave resulted in a program of works as specified by our architect James Ford. This was then put out to tender and Rye Roofing was chosen as the contractor. Then began the process of applying for grants for the approximately £40,000 program, which included investigation and repairs to leadwork on the roofs, repair and redecorating the rainwater goods (gutters, downpipes etc.) and localised re-pointing of stonework once any vegetation had been removed.

We were most fortunate to be supported by four charities. The Jill Franklin Trust gave us £500, All Churches Trust gave us £3,500 and The Roger de Haan Charitable Trust gave us £10,000. The Friends of Kent Churches gave us a magnificent grant of £20,000 (although part of this is to contribute towards the restoration of the murals once the walls are fully dried out as the team that came to see the church were dismayed at the condition of the paintings at the west end of the Nave). We are very grateful for all four charities supporting us.

By now, winter was approaching but I had only managed to raise half of the required funds. Not wanting to have another winter's worth of rain enter the church causing more damage, we decided to split the program of work into 2 phases, dealing with the roof first and leaving the re-pointing and rainwater goods maintenance for later. The work would involve replacing both parapet linings, replacing the western end of the south valley liner (in all cases dealing with any rotten boarding under the liner as well as dealing with issues to the flashing on the North Transept, the north west Tower offset (cause of the water leaking over the brass panels) and dealing with persistent leaks to the lower third of the Verger's Vestry roof.

Work started in mid-December but immediately hit a major snag. When they lifted the western half of the south valley liner, not only were there some rotten boarding under the liner but the ends of four rafters on the South Aisle roof were rotten, the two bearer plates that the rafters sit on plus the decorative infill between the plates was rotten, the main cross beam was rotten where it was let into the wall and two of the three wooden supports for the beam also had rot.

Because of the beam issue, we needed internal scaffolding for access and to support the beam plus a specialist company to deal with structural timberwork. Meanwhile, a temporary tarpaulin valley lining was installed. Then there was Christmas, and with the examination of the Relics taking place in a locked church in the week after Epiphany, work did not restart until mid-January. Unfortunately we had a very wet Christmas and January and the tarpaulin and collection of buckets had a hard, and not very successful, time of keeping the water out.

The first task was to deal with the cross beam and restore it to full strength. . All of the rotten wood was carved away and carbon fibre rods inserted into the end of the beam. Shuttering was then fitted to the sides and base of the beam and architectural resin poured in. After 24 hours to harden, the beam was back to full strength.

Then it was time to replace all of the other rotten timber before staining the new timber to match the old. Once all the interior work was finished, the roofers could restart their work but.... We then had a leak at the eastern, Tower end of the south valley which soaked the crib. We ended up with a complete relining of the south valley and, fortunately, no further rotten wood was found.

The lining to the two high-level parapets of the Nave were then lifted but there were no signs of water ingress to the northern parapet (above the Baptistery) or the eastern half of the southern parapet, so the linings were refitted. There was however some rotten wood under the western end of the south parapet so this was replaced with new timber before replacing the liner.

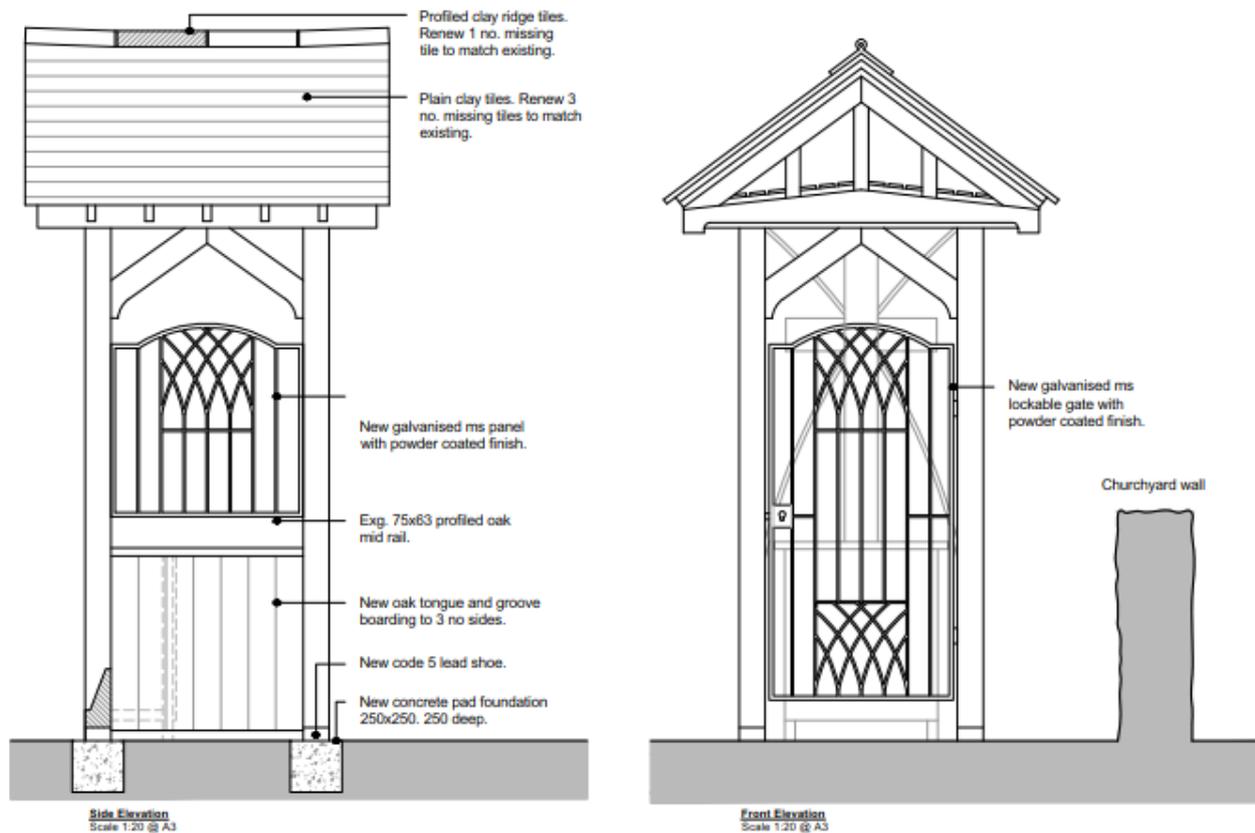
The north-west Tower offset issue was caused by a very large plant, nourished by pigeon droppings and the fact the liner was sloping the wrong way and so could not drain. With vegetation removed and the correct fall on the offset, no more water has leaked in over the brass panels.

The North Transept flashings just required re-mortaring but the leaking Verger's Vestry roof leak required replacement of the affected roof material.

WE ARE DRY! But £5,500 over-budget. Now for Phase 2 (I have so far raised £15,000 in grants but, due to further problems on the Nave roof we are again facing a £40,000 bill)

Calvary

You will be aware of the rather decrepit First World War Memorial structure in the churchyard, now in its centenary year:



Whilst the lean has become more dramatic over the years, a photo in the 1920s shows that it had an eastward lean even then. Apart from replacing missing or broken tiles, the four main uprights require new oak at the base (which has been done before plus replacing the oak rails below the waistline). As the structure has become a focus for drug dealing and rowdy people sitting on the sides, we also need to keep people out of the structure, the missing low wooden gate would not do this. Hence the addition of a wrought iron gate and side panels. The Diocese are broadly in approval of this but the usual Faculty application must be made together with Planning Permission as it is in a Conservation Area. The Diocese requires that the project is managed by our architect and the War Memorials Trust is involved. We have had pledges that should cover the cost of the works but I have applied to the Trust for funding to cover professional fees and VAT.

Andrew Plested

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Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

There was only one Deanery Synod meeting in 2019. The Revd Jane Weekes became Area Dean in February 2019 and a Synod was not called until late in the year.

Mark Punton

Chair's Report

I was appointed in February and, because half of the funding for my post comes from a mission grant, I have to fulfil certain targets that were part of the conditions of my appointment. I'd like to report on progress on these targets because there **has** been some, even with all the challenges of the Covid-19 Lockdown and subsequent restrictions. And I've added plans for the future too...

1. *To work within the Liberal Catholic and musical traditions of the parish to explore new ways of expressing our faith and engaging with the entire parish community to attract new Christians. Metrics: new services and events, increasing congregation numbers.*

Morning Prayer has been re-established as part of the rhythm of worship. There had been a rise in attendance just before the lockdown. New online services were recorded during lockdown, with many members of the congregation participating. Anthems and hymns were maintained in these, unlike in many comparable online services. Many more people watched these services than had been coming to church. Now we're back in church, services are live streamed for those still unable to attend, and we hope to

2. *To build up the congregation of St Mary and St Eanswythe's numerically and in discipleship, to better enable local mission by the whole church. Metrics: vocations to varieties of ministry, lay engagement in mission initiatives, increasing congregation numbers, increasing ability to meet financial responsibilities.*

I started my ministry here with food and hospitality at the Vicarage. This continued on Thursdays with our Lent lunch and study. Sadly, Covid-19 put an end to this. One of our great challenges is to think and pray about how we can show hospitality and build friendship in our church community with the new restrictions in place.

Sadly, Sandra Bierman had to stand down as Treasurer. The whole church community is so very grateful for all that Sandra has given of her time and talents over her years as treasurer. We are extremely grateful to Pam Keeling and Jenny Coleman for becoming our new joint-Treasurers. Their energy and drive has not been limited to administering out finances. Their creative ideas are already bringing financial returns: The Recipe Book; Notelets and, soon, Christmas cards. We will also soon respond to contemporary needs by having a contactless giving station, where cards can be used.

I am very much looking forward to working with our newly formed PCC in building up our church community, in developing our worship, and in mission. What an amazing amount of talent and energy there is in this church! And not only on the PCC, either. I hope to work with many others in helping you to find your unique role here, and supporting you in it. Please talk to me about any ideas you have.

3. *To engage with local schools, especially the two Church Schools, in order to provide pastoral support, to lead in worship and be a resource for the Christian faith. With the Church Schools, to deepen the existing partnerships in the Gospel. Metrics: number of engagements in local schools and school services/visits in church. Possibly: confirmations or admission to communion before confirmation.*

I am now on the Board of both St Mary's School and St Eanswythe's School. Meetings are online. I was about to begin leading Collective Worship when the Lockdown prevented this. Now, I lead Collective Worship on Tuesday mornings in the church for a class at a time from St Eanswythe's. I lead Collective Worship in St Mary's on Wednesday mornings. It is broadcast from one class to the whole school. I have led a staff seminar on the Christian ethos of a C of E school, and I hope to support both schools with their RE programmes and preparation for their Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). Unfortunately, none of the usual school celebrations can go ahead in church because of Covid-19 restrictions.

4. *To engage with the civic life of Folkestone, enabling St Mary and St Eanswythe's to play a full part in the life of the town. Metrics: partnerships with civic and other bodies, use of church for civic and town events, use of church and churchyard as amenity – and opportunity to tell the Christian story.*

This, sadly, has not been able to be delivered, due to the lockdown and restrictions. However, our new ability to live stream services gives us the opportunity of offering the church for virtual Civic Events, like Town Sunday, should the restrictions remain in place. I was very glad to welcome our newly elected Town Mayor to our first Sunday service back in church!

Keeping our church open much as we can is an important way of it being able to be accessed and made part of the life of the town. I am so grateful for all the Welcomers who helped to do this before the lockdown, and continue to be extremely grateful for the smaller band who are still doing so. I kept the church open for some weeks for an hour each day before the lockdown eased, but I can no longer do so, now that there are other calls on my time.

5. *To engage with the redevelopment and renewal schemes in Folkestone and the Creative Quarter to ensure the Church plays its part. With respect to the Creative Quarter, St Mary and St Eanswythe's is placed well to take a prominent role in the creative life of Folkestone, building on the current cultural life of the church. Metrics: use of church for events, opportunities for clergy and the wider church to participate in events in the town, engagement with developers (voice into provision, understanding of wellbeing), welcome packs into new properties.*

Our church was used as a venue for concerts right up until the lockdown. Now, with a Wireless Access Point having been installed (and paid for by Canterbury Music), our partnership with Bayle Music can continue. Our first live streamed concert took place on Sunday 27th September. Negotiations are currently taking place with the Creative Foundation for our church to host and stream the annual Carol Service across the town. There is the possibility of hosting an art exhibition celebrating the Royal Saxon Way – of which we are a part.

6. *To develop the spiritual and evangelistic role of St Eanswythe as a unique feature of the parish, building on the resurgence of pilgrimage in the nation and exploring ways of best presenting Eanswythe and her faith to today's society. Metrics: provision of explanation of St Eanswythe and facilities for prayer, numbers of visitors/pilgrims, engagement with other pilgrimage parties, continuing work with Finding Eanswythe project.*

The *Finding Eanswythe* project has been extraordinary. We launched the initial results of the investigations in March and received international interest in our church. We had Martin Bashir and a team from the BBC to film. And then...lockdown happened! However, I have recently met with Archdeacon Darren and our *Finding Eanswythe* partners to discuss ways in which we can work together to promote understanding and appreciation of St Eanswythe, and our church as an international centre for pilgrimage. The booklet is an excellent step in that direction.

7. *To work collaboratively with colleagues in the wider mission to East Folkestone, especially with the parishes of St John and St Peter. Metrics: projects or services crossing parish boundaries, joint services, exploring joint social Gospel opportunities.*

Once again, lockdown has prevented this kind of collaboration. I have contributed to Churches together in Folkestone online services, and to Folkestone's Christian radio station. Please do pray for Fr Mark's full recovery at St Peter's, and appointments to the vacant clergy posts at St John's and Cheriton.

John Walker

Churchwarden's Report

Apart from the additional workload on the churchwardens in supporting the church during the interregnum, we also needed to prepare for the appointment of a new priest.

Following discussions with the Archdeacon, we prepared a Parish Profile describing the church and parish together with a summary of the duties/qualities we were looking for in a new incumbent. After Archdeacon worked some magic on the formatting to make it more 'whizzy' and advert was placed on the Diocesan and Anglican websites. Two rounds of interviews followed before we were able to appoint Fr John to the post. There then followed all the preparations for the Installation Service, preparation of the order of service, managing invitations etc.

Another topic has been the preparation and application for a Faculty for the examination of the Relics and Reliquary culminating in the March 6 reveal of the results of the carbon dating. The DNA and Isotopic analyses (which should indicate diet) results are still awaited. We have also replaced our existing phone system with a BT Cloud Phone. Apart from significantly reducing our phone bills, the new system records answerphone messages and emails them to whoever we choose. It also manages out-of-hours calls.

After the problems with the south windows of the Nave being encroached by brambles last year requiring a clean, the land outside these windows has been cleared twice this year, thanks to the landlord of the flats.

22 sacks full of pigeon droppings were removed from the roof this year. I am exploring the possibility of putting wire mesh over the Tower louvres to cut 90% of pigeon roosting.

Pam Mullett and Andrew Plested

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Church and Community Report

Our church is the oldest in Folkestone has fulfilled a number of community and civic roles over the centuries. This report is a summary of such events, which took place in from January 2019 to lockdown in March 2020.

The Bayle Music concerts continue, mostly on Sunday afternoons, with a variety of music performed by local and nationally-known musicians and this year included a special gala concert by the Snowdown Male Voice Choir. Ten concerts took place before the lockdown forced the cancellation of the final three. The 2019 Sacconi Festival of was a great success as usual and attracted large audiences from London and the south of England. Sadly, the 2020 Festival had to be cancelled. The concerts and the Festival contribute an appreciable amount to church funds each year.

The Finding Eanswythe project involved many people in many different events, the one that stands out was the Anglo-Saxon Candlemas Concert in February 2019 with a special choir of local singers directed by Margaret Cameron, a member of the BBC Singers, for which the Chancel was full to overflowing.

Three guided tours of the church took place by request from outside organisations.

Mayor's Sunday took place in June 2019 with the traditional naming ceremony at the Town Cross and procession into church for a service attended by representatives of many town organisations in a celebration of Folkestone. The 2020 ceremony had to be cancelled.

Harvey Grammar School music students performed a lunchtime concert to celebrate St Eanswythe's Day.

Christmas 2019 was marked by a number of community carol services apart from our own and those of the parish schools. They were The Mayor of Folkestone's Carol Service for Year 6 pupils from the town's Primary Schools, the Harvey Grammar School and the Creative Foundation carol services. The Living Advent Calendar, organised by Jim-Jam Arts, culminated here on Christmas Eve.

The announcement of the results of the carbon-dating of St Eanswythe's relics was made to a packed church on 6 March attended by amongst others, the Town Mayor and Bishop Rose to great enthusiasm and international interest.

Sadly, lockdown from 23 March curtailed any further community activities.

Ian Gordon

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The Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe

The Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe had a busy year in 2019 undertaking various activities, these included translating the church leaflets into various languages and this has proved very helpful to visitors. Special thanks go to Maurice Bauhahn for stepping in for more tricky languages.

The Quiz held at the Woodward Hall in April proved extremely popular with quizzers who were asking us when we were planning to do the next, Ian Gordon was an excellent Question Master and £224 was raised.

The social media sites are still proving extremely popular thanks to the hard work of one of our Trustees, Mark Punton and the Friends website continues to prove very successful. The second website created for the project 'The Women's Role in World War 1' is still in regular use presumably by some Primary schools. Trustee, Shirley Rodgers is responsible for both websites. One of the main challenges for Shirley during the year has been a complete revamp of the main website. Currently Friends has 46 members

The AGM in July proved a great success with a talk from author John Taylor who had kindly agreed to tell us all about the Fen Tigers.

The Church Notice on Lloyds Bank was replaced and the general consensus from members of the congregation has been very positive and The Friends contributed £500 towards the much-needed repairs of the Church boiler.

During the past year the Friends have catered for the fourth Creative Foundation's Carol Service which once again proved to be extremely popular and the Snowdown Colliery Male Voice Choir.

Pam Keeling

First meeting of St Mary & St Eanswythe's newly elected Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the last meeting will be received at the November PCC meeting

A. Appointment of Deputy Warden

B. Election of PCC Officers

1. Vice Chairs
2. Secretary
3. Treasurers
4. Electoral Roll
5. Safeguarding:
 - a. Parish Safeguarding Coordinator
 - b. Parish Disclosures Officer
 - c. Safeguarding Policy Statement

C. Future Meeting dates

1. PCC Meetings will take place in the Nave on Tuesdays 10.00-12.00:
 - 10th November
 - 12th January
 - 23rd March
 - 18th May
2. The Standing Committee comprises the Chair, Churchwardens, Treasurers and Secretary. Meetings will take place in the Choir Vestry on Mondays 10.00-11.00:
 - 7th December
 - 15th February

The Standing Committee may meet at other times as need demands.

3. The 2021 APCM will take place after the Eucharist on Sunday 25th April

Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

Parish of **ST MARY AND ST EANSWYTHE WITH ST SAVIOUR FOLKESTONE**

This parochial church council has adopted the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England. In particular we are committed to:

- the safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults
- carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children or vulnerable adults, using the Disclosure and Barring Service amongst other tools, to check their suitability
- responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed
- cooperating fully with the police, local authority and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation
- ministering appropriately to anyone, child or adult, who has experienced abuse
- extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adults whilst ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them

We have appointed

Tel:

as the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

Signed Date

(Parish Priest)

Signed Date

Signed Date

(Church Wardens)

Any child wishing to talk about a problem can contact Childline on 0800 1111

Any parent or carer wishing to talk about parenting problems can contact Family Lives on 0808 800 2222

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is available to speak with adults or children.