

St. Margaret's Church
Addington



Annual Reports & Accounts
For year ending 31 December 2022

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ANNUAL REPORT

AIM

St Margaret Addington PCC is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commissioners. The PCC had the responsibility, until the interregnum, of co-operating with the Rector of the BART Parishes to promote the whole mission of the Church by proclaiming the gospel of Christ, building disciples, pastoral care, evangelism, and community and ecumenical involvement. It also has the maintenance responsibility for St Margaret Church, Addington.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Rector The Revd Dr Linda Shuker, retired Easter 2021
 Revd David Green became Team Vicar
 on 1st August 2022 of the United Benefice
 of the Kent Downs and Malling Team

EX OFFICIO

Lay Readers: Stephen Hodges and Pete Wilson

Churchwardens: Graham Halliday-Saddler
 John Humphrey

Deanery Synod: Brenda Humphrey and Jane Yates

ELECTED MEMBERS

Joint Treasurers: Glenn Goodman; Sally Goodman (Sally was co-opted onto the PCC after the Annual Meeting in 2022)
Paul Drayson (PTO), John Dudley, Judy Grimes,
Christine Halliday-Saddler, Laraine Jalili-Hodges, David Yates,
Jane Yates

ANNUAL REPORT *(Cont'd)*

ORGANISATION

St Margaret Church was one of four churches in the united benefice of the BART Group of Parishes until Sunday the 1st August 2022 when the **BART** Group of Parishes joined the Parishes of West Malling, Ofham, and Leybourne to form the new United Benefice of "**Kent Downs and Malling Team**". We await the appointment of the Team Rector.

At the moment St Margaret Church retains full financial and other responsibility for the running of its own parochial affairs and has co-operated with other Bart parishes, both formally and informally. We look forward to co-operating and sharing with the parishes in the new team.

MINISTRY TEAM, BART

Clergy, Readers and Licensed Lay Ministers form a Ministry Team, which conducts services and ministers throughout the Benefice, in accordance with terms of reference agreed between the incumbent and each individual. The Bart Ministry Team meets regularly to plan and co-ordinate worship and pastoral matters. The Ministry Team comprises the Rector, the Rev'd Canon Brenda Hurd (PTO), Steve Hodges, Pete Wilson, James Miller, Paul Drayson (PTO). However it will be up to the Team Rector to establish this. The Churchwardens of BART have continued to meet regularly during the interregnum to co-ordinate patterns of worship and discuss matters of common concern.

ANNUAL REPORT *(Cont'd)*

WORSHIP MUSIC GROUP

Phew, what a difficult year we had but we pushed on and provided live music at almost every service. It was great to have Gary back for some months and we miss him so much when he returns to Oz. Our 2 "5th Sunday" Celebrate services were well received and we have new ideas for them in 2023.

SUNDAY SERVICES

We returned to four services a month starting with Mothering Sunday 2021, when services restarted.

BUILDINGS & LAND

The PCC is responsible for St Margaret Church and churchyard.

FINANCIAL

The accounts for the year ending December 2022, in the form required by the Charities Act 1993, are included herein.

ELECTORAL ROLL

At present there are 59 people on the electoral roll. There may be a few more by May 7th (2 weeks before the AGM) Sadly only 23 of the list live in Addington. The rest come from other surrounding villages. We would hope to gather more Addington parishioners in due course.

ANNUAL REPORT *(Cont'd)*

RISK MANAGEMENT

The PCC has examined the major risks to which the church may be exposed under the following categories: —financial, reputational, statutory and legal requirements, and operational. The PCC is of the opinion that the provisions and systems now in place are adequate to mitigate such risks. Following guidance from the Church of England, special risk assessments for public worship were put in place to ensure covid-security, including social distancing. This has now been relaxed whilst remaining aware of the risks.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Addington Safeguarding Officer	Nicola Budgen
BART 'Rochester' DBS Status Register	Roger Gillett
BART Disclosure Officer and	
BART Safeguarding Adults Representative's	Denise Lingham

GDPR

BART has continued to uphold the GDPR regulations by storing personal data files which are password protected. All activities requiring data protection, including zoom meetings, have been GDPR compliant.

THE CHURCH ROOM

The church room is used for refreshments after services and is available for: For children's work during services); Flix on Friday; Time to talk lunches; Bart Bible Study; PCC Meetings; Churches Together in Malling. The PCC have made the room available free of charge for any Church based activity.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT *Graham Halliday-Saddler & John Humphrey*

As churchwardens we are responsible for the care and maintenance of the church building and must report to you at the APCM what has been carried out during the previous year. We are also responsible for keeping up to date an inventory of all the Items belonging to the church and a logbook listing work that has been carried.

The Lych gate has been re-roofed, and the oak structure repaired. We would like to thank the Scott family for their kind donation in memory of Joan. We have been given the go ahead to replace the porch floor and the work is in hand. The speakers have been repaired and are working well. The temporary (and loud!) speakers have been removed.

The year has been challenging with the interregnum and proposed Deanery reorganisation. During the interregnum the Wardens have had added responsibilities with the day to day running of the church, planning services etc.

Addington is now part of the new **Kent Downs and Malling Team** which includes Birling, Leybourne, Offham, Ryarsh, Trottiscliffe and West Malling. The Revd Canon Dr Helen Burn has been appointed as our new Team rector. She will be working with Revd David Green as Team Vicar and Revd Kelly Parsons as Team Curate.

Our job as Wardens is only possible because of the number of people behind the scenes who ensure that the church building looks beautiful and functions well every week, so that as a church we make Jesus known in the Parish. There are so many people who have helped, we thank them all.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT *(Cont'd)*

We are encouraged by, and encourage, everyone to take an active part in our mission to make Jesus known in the area. We trust that we provide a safe and welcoming space here at St Margaret for everyone to find peace with God, to listen to him, and to be enriched as we leave the building to live out our everyday lives, and by who we are, showing others who Jesus is.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Nicola Budgen

The Safeguarding Team has remained the same, aimed to meet every two months and follow an Agenda to discuss and to promote Safeguarding in our churches and church activities and to keep in line with the Diocese's guidance and requirements.

We have met throughout 2022, mainly on Zoom.

We have endured to be an active team working together to promote Safeguarding and keep our Parish records up to date as far as possible with one central DBS and Safeguarding Training Spreadsheet for each parish. We have looked at fresh ideas and we have discussed many valuable topics and contributed with safeguarding advice and guidance for church events and church activities throughout the year.

Our aim continued to keep our churches and activities safe and help to give safeguarding support to activities for the children and youth work in our area and projects to support the older folk in our churches and our community.

Each church has a noticeboard with safeguarding information and contacts easily available for people to use. These will need updating with the new Rector's details.

Fusion Youth work for the four parishes continued with risk assessments being completed for their adventurous activities and submitted to Nicola Budgen (Addington PSO).

There are plans ahead to re-launch Stepping Stones for 4-11 year old children.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT *(Cont'd)*

Monthly Afternoon Tea was approved from February 2022, offered on the third Friday of the month to include tea and cake and a chat and friendship.

Anyone in need of a hot drink and a chat was welcome to attend.

The Community Board in Ryarsh Church Hall has been used to signpost information and events.

A very valuable talk on Power Outages was given at Women's Fellowship with useful tips on how to keep warm and safe in the colder whether particularly during power cuts.

The Safeguarding Team has encouraged every Church Officer and Volunteers who hold a role within our four churches to complete the Safeguarding Training required for their role. To date, most of Addington are up to date on this, although there are still a few outstanding training modules to be completed.

The team have also worked on the Safeguarding Dashboards; the purpose of the Safeguarding Dashboards is to make safeguarding administration and governance simpler for everyone and all stored in one place.

New guidance and training sent through from the Diocese for PSO's is of paramount importance and we are doing our best to keep on top of it all with Safer Recruitment and more recently, Modern Slavery, attending up-to-date training in order to keep everyone safe.

There were no Safeguarding concerns reported in 2022.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brenda Humphrey

Since our Rector retired at Easter last year we have continued with PCC meetings. In the year Jan 2022 – Dec 2022 we have met six times plus two joint BART PCC Meetings. The Covid regulations have been uppermost in our discussions and we have maintained services via u-tube and many thanks go to our lay readers and other contributors.

During our meetings we regularly discuss the spiritual life of the church as well as day to day running of the church building and financial matters. We have spent time discussing the re-organisation of our parishes, especially the proposed seven parish team. To this end the PCC have met with the PCC members of Leybourne, West Malling & Offham as well as the other Bart PCC's. These meetings have been quite productive and are ongoing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Glenn & Sally Goodman

St Margaret's Church met all financial commitments aside from 5 charity payments which, due to time constraints and the current treasurers still 'learning the ropes' meant that these payments will now be visible on 2023 accounts. Income for 2022 was £40244.42 which was £4285 higher than 2021. Expenditure was £37774 which was £7251 higher than last year. This led to an excess of income over expenditure of £2470.

£7950 was donated to our chosen charities: Demelza, The Salvation Army, Pilsdon, The Children's Society as well as David & Margie Whitehorn. In addition to these we also made a one-off donation of £5100 to Ukraine. The donations amounted to 19.75% of our income which falls in line with St Margaret's pledge to give at least 10% of its' income to mission giving each year.

The Rochester Diocesan Parish share was slightly increased to £17716.80

There was a marked increase of 'any other income' during 2022. This was due to an energy grant of £964 received from the Diocese to assist with the rise in energy prices plus a refund due to the closure of 'Pilgrim' magazine @ £1397. Also, the BART fund was disbanded during 2022, this resulted in redistribution of the remaining funds amongst the 4 churches involved and a payment to us totalling £912.30. This explains the increase of +£3000 compared to 2021's figure.

TREASURER'S REPORT *(Cont'd)*

In September Sally Goodman was appointed joint treasurer along with Glenn Goodman to assist using her technical knowledge of the computing side of the role.

On behalf of St Margaret's, many thanks go to our independent examiner Nick Crutchfield who has, for the final time,

diligently examined the accounts and has been a great support over the years.

We would like thank Paul & Rita Drayson for their abundance of help and assistance throughout our time as treasurers. We will now be standing down as treasurers and handing back responsibility to Paul & Rita Drayson who will be taking on the role until the next treasurer is found.

The Deanery Synod meets three times a year, usually in one of the churches in the deanery. The hosts give a short talk about their church and village.

On 7th February 2022 the meeting was at Pilsdon in West Malling when Joss Walker, Guardian of Pilsdon gave a talk about the work of Pilsdon, their daily life and the importance of the food bank and encouraged churches to continue their support.

On 28th June 2022 we were welcomed to Javez Barn, Offham. Rev Chris Winter, Curate of Burham and Wouldham, gave a talk about his career in IT. Rev David Green talked about lockdown and what the 'new normal' looked like and how it had changed the rhythm of life, especially the life of the church.

On 5th October 2022 at St Paul Church, Teston Dawn Page talked about Teston's involvement in the slave trade. Sharon Copeslake, the new Archdeacon of Tonbridge, introduced herself and described her role. Wil North reminded that all parishes should be carbon neutral by 2030. He welcomed Kelly Parsons as curate to West Malling and Offham.

ADDINGTON ACTIVITIES

FOODBANK

St Margaret has continued to support the Food Bank based at The Pilsdon Community Centre in West Malling. It is really appreciated by those that have need to use this charitable donation scheme. If anyone is aware of someone in need of help in this way, please speak to Rita Drayson. Thank you to all those who have so generously donated throughout the year.

St Margaret donated £400 to The Pilsdon Community this year, which was greatly appreciated.

FLIX on FRIDAY

We continue to show a film on the FIRST Friday of each month if it is an appropriate date.....Usually the idea is to show ethical or controversial films which stimulate a good discussion afterwards. Since the pandemic, people have been more cautious about coming. During the winter it seems to be more popular to meet at midday over soup, but reverts to evenings during the summer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men from St Margaret's meet every fortnight at Kings Hill golf club for breakfast. There are 20 on the contact list of which between 6 -12 attend each time. All except for 3 regularly attend St Margaret's church which is a healthy state of affairs. Various topics are discussed including church matters, it is a good forum.

ADDINGTON ACTIVITIES *(Cont'd)*

TIME TO TALK LUNCHES

These small group lunches have been organised on Café church Sundays when the Church room is not used. The purpose is to enable the congregation to get to know each other a little better or to meet people they have not met before. The choice of Sunday and guests may change as we become a 7 parish benefice.

ADDINGTON CLANGERS

We are a group of 6 ringers. We practice every other Thursday morning.

We have continued with the maintenance of the bells and record all we do in the maintenance and safety book.

BART STUDY GROUPS

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

We meet during term times once a fortnight from 12 – 2. Our gatherings are held in the church room at Addington and we are so grateful for this warm and welcoming space and for the delicious soup which Judy kindly provides every week. We have also celebrated special occasions with cake and occasional feasts and had a wonderful summer lunch at Denise's home.

Last summer term we continued our studies of women in the Bible and then from September to Christmas had 6 sessions on the chapters of Ephesians, finishing with an Advent Bring and Share of spiritual treasure!

Since Christmas we have been discussing the book of Philippians. Over Lent we plan to meet on a weekly basis and will join the other parishes in the team in Ryarsh Church Hall to learn from the book 'How to eat bread' which discusses different approaches to Bible reading.

Our two hours together flies past.....it is so precious to be honest and open with each other and to share faith and learn from each other as we grow in knowledge and love of our Lord. We usually end with a time of prayer.

BART STUDY GROUPS *(Cont'd)*

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study takes place every other Wednesday at the home of John & Chris Dudley. It runs from 7:30 pm and finishes at 8:30 pm. It is fairly small and informal (currently with only a half dozen participants). It is lots of fun as well as very educational. None of us are Bible scholars and we seem to learn something new each week as we read God's word and ask Him to bring His word alive for us.

BART CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Freya Briley

Youth work has restarted after Covid with Fusion for teens in the BART area meeting monthly. These activities are led by Freya Briley and Sarah Scott. In addition, a successful fundraising event was held in the Addington Village Hall.

BART ACTIVITIES

BART SINGERS

I was thrilled to be able to put on another full Christmas programme for Christmas 2022 which included singing at the 4 church carol services , Outside at The Plough, at The Angel and at The George. The outside venue were extremely cold but the 25 or so singers carried on regardless even without our pianist, Pam. Thank goodness for Pam Begbey who accompanied us on the piano for rehearsals and performances.

I love running the BART Singers and think it is a good outreach tool.

SATURDAY MORNING BIKE BOYS

This is the eighth year that the Saturday Morning Bike Boys have been riding. We managed 10 rides last year as the Covid restrictions were lifted. The core is from St Margret's church in Addington comprising of Jim Hayman, Matt Pounds and myself, others join us, some who are Christians and attend other churches and some who are not.

We leave Offham Green at 08.30 every 2 or 3 weeks and ride around the Kent countryside for an hour, depending on the weather, ending up at a transport café for breakfast, where we enjoy a full English, talk about motorbikes and generally put the world to rights. I have compiled a list of good cafes in Kent and contrary to popular belief there are still many, we have over 2 dozen on the list. The heathens who ride with us are invited to join with us in the grace before breakfast and we are gently encouraging them with God's word.

BART ACTIVITIES *(Cont'd)*

HEDGEHOG PRODUCTIONS

Unfortunately, we were unable to put on any performances during 2022 but would like to keep going. It would be a great shame to let this drama group close down and ask for support to keep it going. If you are interested in getting on board, on-stage, back-stage or organisation, do, please get in touch.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALLING

Graham Halliday-Saddler

David Baxter, the pastor at West Malling Baptist church has stepped down after serving 4 years as chairman and seeing CTiM through Covid and the Known & Loved mission last year. He was presented with a card and an original watercolour (they signalled to the other boat to join them) which he graciously accepted and then invited Charlotte Brooks who has taken over as chairperson to continue the meeting.

The Warm Spaces initiative was spoken about, Larkfield's has been very successful and West Malling less so, but it was agreed that this should continue until the end of the cold weather and start again next winter.

The new format for last year's Walk of Witness was deemed a success and this year it will follow suit but with the addition of a piper to accompany the singing of Amazing Grace.

Jenny Barrow (treasurer) and Valerie Thornwell (secretary) having both said they would step down this year have agreed to carry on for another year but will be leaving their respective posts at next year's AGM. If you feel inclined to apply or know anyone you think might be the right person, please contact any CTiM committee member and let them know.

The meeting concluded with David searching through a box of chocolates for his favourite which he found at the bottom to much cheering and derision.

We are hoping that once the 7-church team has formed, we might forge stronger links with CTiM.

PUBLICATIONS

CHURCH WEBSITE

It is now six years since we decided to develop our own BART website, if you haven't visited it yet please have a look at: www.bartcombinedbenefice.org.uk/addington.

Usage has slightly reduced this year with 18,000 visits and over 52,000 pages viewed.

We try to keep the site up to date with the latest news and details of what is happening in the Parishes, so if you have any church related events or news you would like to include please email the details to me at thehumpies@gmail.com and I will try to accommodate you.

It is important to keep the site looking fresh so if you have any photos of people and events, once again, please let me know.

Don't forget it's your Church, and therefore your website, please feed it and use it.

PILGRIMS MAGAZINE

No Pilgrims magazines were published in 2022 and the publication has been discontinued indefinitely.

The remaining account balance was distributed to each of the four BART parishes. Bank accounts have been closed.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Glenn & Sally Goodman

Final summary ref:	St Margarets Church Addington	Unrestricted Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
Financial Statement for year ended December 2022				
RECEIPTS				
1	Tax Efficient Planned Giving	£ 23,772.00	£ 23,772.00	£ 22,625.00
2	Other Planned giving	£ 4,285.00	£ 4,285.00	£ 4,663.20
3	Collections at services	£ 105.06	£ 105.06	£ 67.00
6	Gift Aid	£ 6,896.83	£ 6,896.83	£ 5,892.43
10	Interest	£ 314.53	£ 314.53	£ 113.46
11	Statutory Church Fees	£ 1,228.00	£ 1,228.00	£ 1,935.00
13	Any Other income	£ 3,643.00	£ 3,643.00	£ 663.00
	TOTAL	£ 40,244.42	£ 40,244.42	£ 35,959.09
PAYMENTS				
18	Mission giving and donations	£ 7,950.00	£ 7,950.00	£ 6,136.00
19	Diocesan Parish Share	£ 17,716.80	£ 17,716.80	£ 17,250.00
21	Clergy Expenses	£ 924.00	£ 924.00	
22	Cost of Mission & Evangelism	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ 1,255.00
23	Church running expenses	£ 6,130.28	£ 6,130.28	£ 4,189.78
24	Utility Bills	£ 1,743.22	£ 1,743.22	£ 1,020.51
27	Church building repairs	£ 2,760.00	£ 2,760.00	
99	Other	£ 350.00	£ 350.00	£ 672.00
	TOTAL	£ 37,774.30	£ 37,774.30	£ 30,523.29
	Excess of income over expenditure	£ 2,470.12	£ 2,470.12	£ 5,435.80

Approved by PCC on:

And signed on their behalf by:

Glenn Goodman *Sally-Anne Goodman*
 Glenn Goodman & Sally-Anne Goodman
 (Treasurers)

Mr N. Crutchfield
 Mr N. Crutchfield (Independent Examiner)

PILGRIMS MAGAZINE ACCOUNTS

Karen Astrom

Summary

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Account Reconciliation

Reserve Account Balance 31/12/22	0	
Current Account Balance 31/12/22	£5,591.39	
TOTAL BALANCE 31/12/22		£5591.39

Payments to parishes:

Birling	£1398.14
Addington	1398.75
Ryarsh	1398.75
Trottiscliffe	1398.75

Total payments: **£5591.39**

TOTAL REMAINING BALANCE 31/12/22 **0**

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