

PARISH PROFILE

**THE PARISH OF ST. PETER – IN – THANET
with ST. ANDREW, READING STREET**

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Vision

St. Peter's parish and its congregations are at an exciting pivotal moment as both seek God's choice for its next Priest-in-Charge. Its last priest sadly died in post. He* was fostering a growing church and loving relationship within the local community. We long for this to continue under our new priest. We also long that the recently created cluster with St Andrew, Reading St and Holy Trinity, Broadstairs, both of whose priests have been recently appointed may continue and flourish

** He in this context as elsewhere in this profile also includes she.*

St. Peter's Church dates back to the 11th century and under its recently deceased priest was fostering a growing church and loving relationship within the local community. There are hopes that the already established cluster relationship with local Anglican faith families will accelerate under the guidance of the new priest. St Peters will be an equal partner in future vision.

St Peter-in-Thanet in past times had Holy Trinity Broadstairs (established in the mid 19th century) as a daughter church. It became a parish in its own right although the priest of St Peters remains as its patron. In the early 20th century, St Andrew Reading St was built as a daughter church within the parish. In 2009, with the appointment of a new priest, it became a Conventional District.

The recent appointment of a priest-in-charge at Holy Trinity, Broadstairs and that of a Minister-in-Charge at St Andrews, together with an impending new appointment at St Peters will mean that the time is right to consider new arrangements whereby the Priests-in-Charge at St Peter's and Holy Trinity Broadstairs, and the Priest of St. Andrew's Conventional District should and could work more closely together. A willingness to work in collaboration with others will therefore be a key requirement for the post of Priest-in-Charge at St Peters.

See Annex A for further details of St Andrews Conventional District

Ministry

St Peters, Holy Trinity and St Andrews, Broadstairs work together closely, having been, at one time, all part of a single parish. The vacancy is for a Priest-in-Charge at St. Peter's who will have both pastoral and administrative responsibility for St Peter's (to manage its essential offices and act as chairman of the PCC and who will work within a collaborative ministry - which includes the ministers from the aforementioned churches - to meet the objectives set by the Diocesan 20/20 vision. Financially solvent and structurally sound, St Peters - with the highest individual church share in the Deanery - is an old established and growing ministry that has loving relationships in the local community. As part of its further development the Diocese has expressed the hope for a wider, cluster relationship with local Anglican faith families. Throughout this process of collaboration St Peters will be an equal partner with Holy Trinity and St. Andrews in meeting the declared objectives.



A view of St Peters church looking at the East window

Strengths & Challenges at St Peters

Strengths

- Central church tradition
- St. Peter's is a large village type church with strong links in the village community, the local area the local schools, and local businesses. There is a core of faithful members who show concern for one another and who provide a warm welcome to newcomers.
- We have young families but long to see more.
- There is a long standing tradition of good music, the services are led by a robed choir who provide four part harmony and a strong lead in worship,
- There are excellent links with the local authorities and previous clergy have often served as mayor's Chaplain
- We make wide use of the seasonal provision in "Times and Seasons" for worship, both formal and informal
- A huge number of volunteers who provide both organisational and administrative support to the functioning of the church and its related activities, such as the Fabric Committee, Monday Lunch club, and health and safety expertise.
- We always pay our due parish share
- A clergy support team including, at present, two readers and one retired clergy
- Although the parish suffered loss through the unexpected departure of the Priest in Charge in 2005, endured a long period of interregnum and then was faced with the sad death of our recent priest-in-charge, the church family members have maintained services and worship to a high standard for which we are all justly proud.

Challenges

- Congregation growth is fairly static and mainly of senior persons

Personal Profile

The successful applicant will ideally be:

- An experienced minister who is proactive, determined and ready to maintain the impetus established by the previous clergy in the further development and growth of St Peters spiritually, physically and pastorally.
- Mission-minded, energetic, spiritually focussed, ready to lead a confident body of believers who practise 'central church' worship.
- Ready to work as an equal partner with other ministers in achieving the Diocesan 20/20 vision which seeks to establish:

A holy People – committed to regular prayer together and encouragement.

A learning people – committed to group work supported locally and at Diocesan level.

A missionary people – a confident body of believers strengthened through corporate prayer and Christ-centred study to promote the Gospel.

- Ready to work through local schools, clubs and uniformed organisations for young people to motivate, to inspire and above all to meet their spiritual needs.

In addition the priest-in-charge should ideally have a clear and disciplined spiritual life, and a mind attuned to mission. He should be prepared to work with others of ability and proven leadership in taking the mission of the "cluster" of St Peters. Holy Trinity Broadstairs and St Andrews forward. He should be welcoming to Christians of all traditions, comfortable with people, open, outgoing, sensitive and outward looking.

A good understanding of the administrative requirements and an ability to manage both paid staff and volunteers is desirable. Many of the volunteers/congregation are retired professionals of many disciplines who carry out organisational, administrative and other functions within the church. There is a parish administrator who carries out many of the routine and non-routine tasks of the parish. There is also a manager and a booking officer for the Halls.

There should be a commitment to maintaining and developing the range and quality of preaching and worship, both in the church's long-standing robed choral tradition as well as in other ways.

St Peters has recently been a training parish for curates, so it would be preferable if the new priest-in-charge was a potential trainer himself".

Staff Team

Parish clergy and staff are in place to assist across the cluster. In addition to the minister in charge at St Andrew and Priest in Charge of Broadstairs and their ministry teams, there are in St Peters two Lay Readers (one of whom retires on 31st. August 2010) two retired clergy who help out as appropriate and a number of lay officers..

St. Peters has for many years been a training parish.

See Annex A and below for fuller details of additional clergy and lay readers.

The Deanery

Thanet Deanery is the largest in the diocese and has the advantage of covering the whole of the Local Authority area. Clustered around the three seaside towns of Broadstairs, Ramsgate, and Margate and outlying villages the coastal areas are heavily populated, yet large areas are also deeply rural. This means that most of the 21 churches have a priest and the Chapter is large. Despite our diversity we endeavour to meet together and be supportive of one another's ministries. Deanery Synod has been given a greater responsibility in matters financial and missionary and its task is to be supportive of ministry in parishes through visionary and strategic planning and hosting training events and employs a Church Army Evangelist. It is expected that any new members of Chapter would play a full part in the life of the deanery and benefit from the fellowship of clergy gatherings and (even) synods! Chapter enjoys an away conference every two years. The recent appointment of a new Area Dean and two deputies will give greater and closer emphasis to the initiatives which will be deanery wide.

Ministers and Ministry Team

Supporting the Priest-in-Charge we have a strong pastoral team. Further support is given by a team of church members who visit the housebound and take home communions. A Verger, a Sacristan, Head Server, Servers, and Chalice Administrators also form part of the team.

The "cluster" also enables each of the three churches to draw on the support of each others clergy team. This support manifests itself in many ways besides the sharing of priests such as combining for special services which would be rotated around the three churches.

Practical support for managing the fabric of the building manifests itself in the Fabric Committee chaired by a churchwarden. Recent work has included the re-leading of part of the Chancel roof, protecting an area from pigeons and the clearing of the gulleys to the perimeter of the building.

Friends of St Peters and St Andrews Churches

Both St Peters and St Andrews Churches benefit from the financial support given to them by the registered charity "The Friends of St Peters and St Andrews Churches". Both churches have representation on the Charity's Board and their priests and churchwardens have ex-officio membership. The objects of the charity are to offer financial support in kind for the upkeep of the fabric of both buildings. Recently the Friends received a generous bequest most of which has already been allocated for major work to St Peters, required from the last quinquennial inspection of 2008. St Andrews will also benefit substantially.

Vestments, stoles, scarves and hoods are worn. There is a robed choir which sings in four part harmony. "Hymns Old and New" published by Kevin Mayhew is used. Seasonal material is observed, with different service books introduced for Ordinary time, Lent and Advent.



St Peters Robed Choir

Details of the Sunday Worship Timetable and Occasional services are detailed below. St Peter's church has a stewardship scheme. Average weekly giving is £1500: Working expenses of clergy are agreed annually and paid in full. The church meets its diocesan share in full.

The church conducted a TRIO Campaign in late 2009, the results of which were very encouraging and has increased giving by about 25%.

Since the accreditation of four lay members of St Peter's Church by the Bishop in Canterbury (Bishop of Dover) in 2007, regular quarterly healing and wholeness services have been taking place. The service from February 2010 will be held instead of the normal evensong every other month. This new service is being well received by members of the congregation as well as by others who are coming specifically for prayer with the laying on of hands in public worship.

A number of Bereavement Friends were authorised in 2005 to support parishioners and other members of the public who wished for this service.

There are also a number of persons authorised to visit families prior to baptisms and take part in baptism services

There is an enthusiastic bell-ringing team based at the church which ring for services and for ceremonial occasions and weddings. The bell tower contains 8 bells. The bell ringing group forms part of a local bell-ringing team which visits other churches in the Diocese.

The tower was a Royal Naval signalling station at the time of the threatened Napoleonic invasions. The white ensign is still flown on appropriate occasions.

The general state of the repair of the church, the church hall and the Portland centre is excellent. However it is important to state that as parts of the church date back to 1200 and other parts are Georgian and early Victorian, it needs more attention than other buildings in the parish. Recent work has included extensive maintenance of the organ, redecoration of the choir vestry to make it multi-purpose and the replacement of the WC. The Parish Office has been recently refurbished to make it more welcoming; new computer facilities for the staff have been installed.

Parish Administration

The management of the parish is arranged separately by the two churches, the Priest-in-Charge having overall responsibility. St Andrews as a Conventional District Church within the parish functions as a separate entity. Each church has its own Councils, elected officers and lay staff and elects its own representatives to the Thanet Deanery Synod. They have separate financial accounts and pay their own Parish Shares.

There is a well-equipped office in the Main Church Hall, shared by the Parish Administrator and the Halls Administrator. As Occasional Offices remain a parish responsibility, the Parish Administrator deals with the documentation and services are arranged at whichever church is appropriate.

A parish magazine (called The Net), with a circulation of over 600, is published monthly.

Parish Leadership

A leadership team for St Peter's Church meets every other month. It comprises the Priest-in-Charge, St Peter's churchwarden, the two deputy churchwardens, secretary, treasurer, parish administrator, one other council member of St Peter's church PCC and the curate (when there is one). There is a weekly staff meeting on a Monday morning at which, following prayers, the weekly diary and other matters are discussed. The procedure has not been maintained on a regular basis since the interregnum commenced.

The leadership team also serve the function of the Standing Committee, and were set-up to streamline the day-to-day management of their respective churches.

The vicarage

It is located close to St Peter's church and at a distance of about 200 metres. It is a modern, recently completely re-decorated detached house with a lounge, dining room (with access to the garden), kitchen, utility area, study and a toilet. Upstairs there are five bedrooms, a shower room with toilet, a bathroom (no toilet) and separate toilet. The house is centrally heated and the house windows are double glazed. There is an integral garage with access to the house from inside. A lobby leads to the rear garden. There is a paved forecourt and there are two entrances at the front of the house, the main one has a large porch. There is a large garden, which is divided into two sections by part hedging, laid mainly to lawn. The peaceful surroundings of the garden area is a particularly attractive feature and can offer space for quiet reflection and relaxation. The kitchen was extensively renovated for the previous occupants as was the utility area. The previous priest was an active gardener and during the interregnum the garden has been maintained by one of the parishioners who lives nearby.

The old vicarage at St Peters had some quite deep caves within its confines and was reliably used as a repository by the then vicars who turned a blind eye, or colluded in the secret operation.



A view of St Peters Vicarage

Community Information

St Peter's church is situated in an urban village with an extensive farming hinterland. The area was farmed by four great landowning families who either farmed themselves or leased out to tenants. The main families were the Tomlins, the Mocketts, the Friends and the Sacketts. St Peter's Church Hall and the Portland Centre are focal points for activities in the village. It has a public green opposite the hall and a grassed area outside the North Door of the church, both of which are used by the church for some outdoor social activities. There is a high concentration of educational provision and out-of-town shopping serving the whole of Thanet and the hinterland beyond. The expanding shopping facility straddles the western boundary of the parish at Westwood.

In the parish as a whole the population has increased in recent years. An extensive housing expansion is planned to the west of the parish. There are growing factory and service industry estates within the parish and surrounding locality.

Thanet suffers from a higher than average unemployment level and a skills deficit, although the parish is not so badly affected. There has been a recent upsurge in new industrial developments for Thanet and employment opportunities are improving greatly.

As with most seaside areas there is a higher than average retired population.

Most of the housing is owner occupied with a small proportion rented. The rented property comprises both private and social housing.

There are no formal links with the local authority apart from their responsibility for the extensive churchyard at St Peter.

Spirituality, Education and Lay Training.

Bible study groups and a prayer group met regularly under the recently deceased priest. It is hoped that the work may continue under the new appointment. The objective is to deepen our knowledge and spirituality bringing us closer to God.

Lent study courses have always been a feature of our activities and it is hoped that these will be re-instated under the new priest-in-charge.

There are areas of wealth and areas of relative deprivation close to both St Peters and St Andrew's. The major issues in the area are the need for employment opportunities and youth particularly youth employment.

Mission

In 2005 we had a vicar who led a dedicated Mission Group, identifying priorities and arranging appropriate events. There was long standing financial support given to Christian Aid, The Church Mission Society and The Children's Society. The Group selected three additional mission projects each year for support arranging publicity and fund raising events. Missionary giving exceeded £7000 per annum. There are no formal links with the Church abroad. During that interregnum some small isolated projects were carried out such as the gift of money to a church in Ghana. When Father John joined us in September 2008 he had plans to resurrect the Mission group, sadly he died before that could be accomplished. Its resurrection will have to await the new priest-in-charge for him to decide. The PCC strongly supports the re-creation of the Mission Group.

Broadstairs has associations supporting a very wide range of social concerns and many members of the church community are involved in their organisation, some playing leading roles. The Portland Centre is the venue for much of this work. Both halls are designated as emergency shelter facilities by the local authority and the emergency services generally. Use was made of this facility two days before Christmas of 2009 when some houses in a local street became unstable.

Ecumenical Relations

Past clergy have actively supported Churches Together in Broadstairs.. Representatives of the parish attend meetings and support of joint events by the congregation is very good.

Christian Education and Nurture

St George's C of E Foundation School and St Peter's C of E Junior School are both in the parish. The Priest-in-Charge is an ex-officio governor of both schools. At both schools, as well as Ramsgate Holy Trinity School, the parish nominates some governors. The vicar of St George's Church, Ramsgate is also an ex-officio governor of St Georges School.

Parish clergy are closely involved in morning assemblies at St George's School on a rota with clergy of other denominations. At St Peter's Junior School assemblies are led by parish clergy. There is close co-operation at both schools at festival celebrations with services being held in St Peter's church. Both schools are also keen to develop strong links with the parish and appreciate the involvement of parish clergy.

The Sunday Club meets at 9.30 am every Sunday during term time for a structured programme of Christian education led by a trained team of lay leaders. At present the children range from 3 to 12 years of age. They join the congregation in church towards the end of the service.

The Family Praise service in the Portland Centre met twice monthly and brought together families with young children, particularly focussing on Baptism contacts. The services followed seasonal or lectionary themes and featured music with PowerPoint presentation. It has been suspended due to the present interregnum. However the PCC support the re-instatement of the Family Praise services at an early stage of the new ministry. The regular attenders' children now attend Sunday Club while the parents come to church.

Broadstairs has the most active Scout groups in Thanet, including Sea Scouts based at St Peters and Guiding is similarly well represented. Six Scout and Guide units meet in the Portland Centre; five of these have church affiliation as does a Sea Scout Unit. In addition members of a second Scout Group attend church parade at St Peters. In 2010 there will hopefully be five parades (Candelmass, Mothering Sunday, St Peter's Day, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday). On these occasions Sunday Club join in the whole service.

For adults a programme of Emmaus courses has been introduced in recent years, proving to be popular. The courses are led by both clergy and lay leaders. A number of people have been confirmed having attended Emmaus courses. There are also study groups in Lent (although that is unlikely to be the case in 2010 because of the interregnum).

Demography

Broadstairs itself has traditionally been a place of retirement especially among Londoners. 24% of the Broadstairs population is aged 65 or over, compared to 16% nationally.

At one time a significant part of the Thanet economy was based on tourism but this has dwindled over the years. Currently (2007 figures), the area has an unemployment level of 7.2%, the highest in the South East and comparable to Tyneside. The gross pay for workers in Thanet averages 92.5% of the national figure and only 85% of the average figure in the South-East.

70% of homes in Thanet are owner occupied, comparable to the national average of 69%. Perhaps reflecting the retirement profile of Thanet, 35% of the homes are owned outright, compared to 29% nationally.

Annex A
CONVENTIONAL DISTRICT OF ST. ANDREW

St. Andrew's Reading Street, from September 2009 became a Conventional District in the Parish of St. Peter's. At that time the Reverend Philip Musindi was appointed as Minister in Charge. The Parish was divided along the line of the Railway for administrative purposes with St. Andrew's being responsible for the area to the east and St. Peter's for that to the west, however it was agreed that the clergy would continue to share the provision of cover for School Assemblies in all the schools currently in the Parish.

St. Andrew's is an open and welcoming church seeking to share the love of God in the immediate neighbourhood and in the wider community.

The new ministry offers a fresh opportunity to venture in mission which coincides with the exciting prospect of honouring the first hundred years of the present building. This affords and will enable St. Andrew's church to celebrate and honour the past, give thanks for the present and to commit itself to Christian witness and pilgrimage, encompassing God's love proclaimed in the Gospel and in Christian love in this new decade and beyond.

The new priest is aiming to consolidate the well established ministry while at the same time developing new strategies to meet the challenges of the future.

Especially valuable are the strong and developing links with local schools, uniformed organisations etc.

St. Andrew's seeks to work collaboratively, not only with its own ministry but with all the other churches and Christian organisations within the cluster

Children, young people and families, are key areas for mission. Support and resource for this work are the top priority.

Bible study, prayer meetings, social activities are all designed to encourage fellowship and friendship between all church members.

Due to the strength and benefits of the present lay leadership team have contributed to the life of the Church at St. Andrew's, to complement them, we would be looking to developing and training further personnel in this area.

At St. Andrew's vestments, stoles, scarves and hoods are worn and there is a robed choir singing in four-part harmony. The hymn books used are "Common Praise" and "New Hymns and Worship Songs". Seasonal traditions are observed.



St. Andrew's runs its own stewardship scheme and its average weekly giving is (£1174. The Priest's working expenses are paid in full. St. Andrew's has its own Diocesan Share for which it is responsible.

The Church building was consecrated in 1911 and is substantially built in brick with a stone exterior. Circa 1990 the church was equipped with 168 upholstered chairs which facilitate a flexible use of the Nave space. The building and fabric are in a very good state of repair. All the electrical wiring and church heating installations have been improved to comply with current standards.

The Church Hall which was built as a temporary church building is an iron clad timber structure. It was refurbished extensively in 2000 and offers modern comfortable facilities connected to the main church building.

The vestry was re-furbished in 2005 and fitted out for its dual role as the St. Andrew's Church Office. There is a part-time salaried Administrator who also manages the Hall.

A copy of the 2008 accounts is available on request.

As from April 2010 St. Andrew's will elect its own two church wardens and will continue to elect its Parochial Church Council, representatives to the Thanet Deanery Synod and to Churches Together in Broadstairs.

There is a Leadership Team consisting of the Priest, the Church Warden (from April two wardens), the two deputy churchwardens, secretary, treasurer and the Reader. The Team also serves as the Standing Committee of the PCC.

The Church is situated adjacent to the Reading Street Conservation Area. The village of Reading Street is served by a Post Office/General Stores. The Priest lives near the Church in St. Andrew's House. The surrounding area has been developed extensively with both private and social housing.

Reading Street has a small fenced green owned by the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Town Council which is used for some Church functions notably the Village Fete and as an assembly point for the Palm Sunday procession.

St. Andrew's has a group called the Voyagers open to all members of the congregation. This meets socially to listen to speakers and to organise fund raising for mission.

Provision for infants and young people includes Junior Church which meets on Sunday during term time at 10am, a youth club called The Zone which meets in two sessions on a Friday evening. These are overseen by a member of the congregation who is a trained Youth Worker. Four sections of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Brownies are attached to St. Andrew's meeting in their own premises located in the grounds of Callis Grange Infants School.

Annex B

GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND HISTORY

Geography Overview

The Local Authority is Thanet District Council which embraces the main towns of Broadstairs, Ramsgate and Margate. The parish covers the strip of the countryside just outside of Broadstairs town, at the extreme east of Kent, about 80 miles from London. Broadstairs is a small traditional seaside town with sandy beaches and coastal walks. St Peters village was originally the major centre pre-Victorian times. There are significant recreational opportunities associated with the sea and in summer the town is a tourism centre, especially with day trippers and families.

Almost a quarter of the population are retired. Unemployment is above the national average and the area is a key area for development within the South East England Regional Plan. There are areas of wealth and areas of relative deprivation close to both St Peters and St Andrew's. The major issues in the area are the need for employment opportunities and youth particularly youth employment.

Social Geography

Thanet, which was an island in Roman times, is the major conurbation on the far north-east tip of Kent. It has a population of 129,000 (c.f. Maidstone 102,300 and Canterbury City 40,700). The significant centres of population are Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Margate and Birchington. In mediaeval times there were three late Norman churches, St John, St Laurence and St Peter serving what were to become the three towns of Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs.

Broadstairs lies 80 miles from London by road and trains take just under 2 hours to reach Victoria Station, London. The rail links were improved at the end of 2009 by the introduction of High Speed trains which take passengers to and from the major stations in the area to St Pancras International, Ebbsfleet International and Ashford International. The journey time from Broadstairs to St Pancras International is 1 hour and 30 minutes. Both Ebbsfleet International and Ashford International have links for Eurostar to the continent of Europe. Both Gatwick and Stansted airports are a 1½ hour drive from Broadstairs, with Heathrow being 2 hours away. Locally London Manston airport provides seasonal flights and holidays to several European resorts and centres of culture

Potted history

As Broadstairs developed during Victorian times, the residents living near the harbour at the bottom of the town petitioned for a chapel of ease to be provided. Holy Trinity was built in 1830 and became a separate parish in 1850. Subsequent development has taken place largely "up the hill" around the ancient village of St Peter. The parish of St Peter-in-Thanet surrounds Holy Trinity and has more than three-quarters of the population of the present town, which is properly named Broadstairs and St Peter's.

Further development in 1911 led to the building of another church, St Andrew serving the Reading St and Kingsgate areas to the north of the town. St Andrew remains within the parish, which has a population of about 20,000 (13,000 at St Peter and 7,000 at St Andrew – but which is now a Conventional District).

St Peters village was the principal area of population pre-Victorian times and the hamlet of Bradstow (now Broadstairs) was a fishing and boat building area on the seashore. Today St Peters retains its village character in spite of housing development in the last century.



Viking Bay Broadstairs showing the jetty

Reading Street is a village within the wider boundaries of the Broadstairs and St Peters locality and is centred upon a designated 'Conservation Area'. The conservation core comprises a number of Victorian terraced houses and other much older buildings which are of flint and brick construction, many with Dutch influenced architecture. The village is served by a convenient Post Office General Stores, and a public house. It has its own small village green. There is a distinct village ambience of which St Andrew's Church, is an integral part.

The North Foreland Golf Course lies to the north of the Reading Street Conservation Area, beyond which there are attractive chalk cliffs nestling with many attractive accessible small sandy beaches. The famous North Foreland Lighthouse is situated on the north eastern tip of this coastline. There is agricultural farmland to the east and west of Reading Street adding to the area's unique unspoilt character

Broadstairs itself is a traditional seaside town with a population of 25,000. Unlike its neighbour Margate, Broadstairs has never had a "kiss-me-quick" seafront flavour, relying on several sandy beaches to attract visitors and a cliff top promenade which has recently been restored to its Victorian roots. Ramsgate has become a yachting paradise and also is becoming a growing place to be seen in.

As was stated earlier the local authority is Thanet District Council, but there is an active town council in Broadstairs. The High Street in Broadstairs retains a traditional feel, although there has been a tendency in recent years (as in many towns) for a growth in estate agents and charity shops. However the well-known Morelli's ice cream parlour and coffee bar on the seafront retains its 1950's look with its Lloyd Loom chairs and selection of exotic ice cream confections. The major national chains tend to be centred at an area on the edge of Broadstairs at a new major shopping centre development (Westwood Cross) which continues to expand.

Leisure activities are freely available in the area. A flourishing sailing club exists adjacent to Broadstairs Harbour; there are local authority swimming pools at Ramsgate and Margate while a local gym has both indoor and outdoor pools. Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club is a major team within Kent while there are numerous local football teams. The nature of the coastline offers itself well to surfing, windsurfing and kite-surfing. The Thanet Coastal Path stretches for 20 miles from Reculver to Pegwell Bay, barely leaving the sea all the way and for significant parts shares the route with the Viking Cycle Route. There are local tennis, squash and bowls clubs.

There are a number of retirement homes within Broadstairs with a major hospital (The Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital) and the Pilgrim's Hospice in Margate.

Industry and Economy

The major employment sectors within Thanet are:

Public Administration, education and health	36%
Distribution, hotels and restaurants	28%
Manufacturing	11%
Banking, Finance and Insurance, etc	11%

Agriculture is still a significant factor in the local economy but as mechanisation increases, employment dwindles and a significant proportion of the agricultural labour is seasonal workers from EU accession countries.

The regeneration of Thanet is covered comprehensively in the South East England Regional Plan under the title “*Urban Renaissance of the Coastal Towns*” with the following specific points:

1. *Regeneration measures will create high quality urban environments within the coastal towns at which concentrations of employment in small businesses, education, culture and other services are encouraged, notably in central Folkestone, **Margate** and Dover*
2. *The economy of **Thanet** will be developed and diversified through provision of a full range of accessible local services, a regional role for Kent International Airport (**Manston**), expansion of Port **Ramsgate** as Kent's second cross Channel port and continued inward investment in manufacturing and transport, notably aviation and marine engineering*
3. *Kent International Airport should be a catalyst for economic development in **Thanet** and the sub-region and its growth as a regional airport with up to six million passengers per annum is supported provided proposals satisfy policy criteria for the environment, transport and amenity*

The regeneration is being manifested in new roads, construction of small business parks, development of a major shopping centre (Westwood Cross) and the recent programme for the refurbishment of four schools for Key Stages 3 and 4 pupils. The latter programme is especially relevant since 53% of economically active people in Thanet have less than 5 GCSEs compared to 41% in the South East and 45% nationally. Education is therefore a serious factor in the regeneration.

Annex C EDUCATION

Education

The following schools, community centres, youth centres, hospitals, nursing and sheltered homes are within the immediate vicinity of both churches.



A jazz concert given by Dane Court Grammar School in the churchyard

Primary/Junior

St. Peter's Church of England Junior School (The priest-in-charge is an ex-officio governor)
 Upton Junior School
 St. Joseph's Catholic Junior School
 Ramsgate Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School (*attached to Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate*)
 Callis Grange Nursery and Infant School
 Foreland Special School
 Gap House School
 Bradstow Special School (London Borough of Wandsworth)

Secondary/Grammar

St. George's Church of England Foundation School (The priest-in-charge is an ex-officio governor)
 Dane Court Grammar School
 The Charles Dickens' School

Universities

Canterbury Christ Church University – Broadstairs Campus

Independent schools in the parish are:

Wellesley House Preparatory School
 Haddon Dene Preparatory School
 Kingsgate College (Sumei) (Japanese)

Community Centres:

St Peters Church Hall and The Portland Centre
 St Andrews Church Hall

Youth Centres:

St Andrews Church Hall
 A commercial indoor skateboard park
 Scout headquarters

Hospitals:

Lanthorne Court Hospital for Disabled Children
 The Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate serving Thanet and beyond
 Pilgrims' Hospice in Margate.

Nursing Homes/Elderly Persons' Homes:

Abbeyfield, Luton Avenue
 Broadstairs' Nursing Home
 Fairfield Manor Nursing Home
 Kent House, Fairfield Road
 Wychdene, Callis Court Road
 Woodlands Nursing Home
 Port Regis Nursing Home
 Dumpton Lodge, Western Esplanade
 Maurice House British Legion Home

Sheltered Housing Units:

Crampton Court
 Pettman Court
 Linley House
 Church Court Grove
 St. Clement's Court
 Manktelow Court
 The Mansions
 Buckmaster Memorial Home
 Dickens Lodge

Annex D
INFORMATION ABOUT RELIGIOUS GEOGRAPHY AND CURRENT CHURCH SERVICES

Parish/Benefice, Parish boundaries, presence of other Christian churches or faith communities

St Peter's are working more closely with Holy Trinity, Broadstairs and St Andrews Conventional District to develop a cluster arrangement in which each church shares the expertise of the other in their day to day religious and secular activities.

As well as St Peter in Thanet and St Andrew's, Reading Street, the following churches are represented in Broadstairs:

- Holy Trinity, Broadstairs (Anglican)
- Our Lady Star of the Sea (Catholic)
- York Street Methodist Church
- The Vale United Reformed Church
- Queens Road Baptist Church
- Christchurch (Free Church of England)
- The Oasis Pentecostal Church
- Harvest New Anglican Church
- The Baptist Church, St Peter's
- Westover Free Church
- Thanet and District Reform Synagogue, Cliftonville
- Living Waters Manston
- Beaconsfield Fellowship
- Society of Friends

Within Thanet District the following churches and faiths are represented:

- Church of the Archangel Michael (Greek Orthodox)
- Al-Virr Mosque, Margate
- Grace Community Church
- Margate Hebrew Congregation
- Thanet and District Reform Synagogue, Ramsgate
- The Salvation Army
- New Life Christian Fellowship Assemblies of God

Worship

Currently the following service patterns are in use.

Sundays			
8.00 am			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	35
11.15 am 1 st	Parish Eucharist	CW ^a	125
11.15 am and 12.15pm 4th	Holy Communion	BCP	15
6.30 pm	Baptism	CW ^a	30
6.30pm (2 nd Sunday of every other month)	Evensong	CW ^a	35
	Healing service		20
Weekdays			
Daily offices of Morning and Evening prayer are covered by the Laity each day at 8.15 am and 5.00pm			
10.00 am Wednesdays	Holy Communion	CW ^a	15
7.30 pm Holy Days	Sung Eucharist	CW ^a	35
		Rite A and B	
		^a CW Order1 (Contemporary language)	

Annex E
SUMMARY OF ST PETERS FINANCIAL POSITION

The table below shows the year-end bank balances for 2009 compared with those of the 2008 year end.

Cost centre	Year end 2009 (£)	Year end 2008 (£)
Tower Fund	12234.75	12051.51
Fabric Fund	22,177.09	21349.59
General Reserve (unrestricted)	26775.38	22,427.43
Churchyard Reserve	11917.04	11745.51
Church Halls Reserve	34797.57	34293.61
General Current Account	6393.55	3963.76
Church Halls Current Account	12089.61	8028.20
Churchyard Current Account	8005.59	4358.32
Totals	134390.58	118217.57

The value of 835.9 CBF C of E Inv.Fnd.Units as at end 2009 was £8546 and as at end 2008 was £7817

The only significant difference between the amounts of Debtors and Creditors at 31/12/08 and 31/12/09 is the £8337 that was owing to us in respect of Interregnum Expenses at the end of 2008 and that has effectively been paid off during the last six months.

A copy of the 2009 Annual Report is available on request.

The Annual Report will not be available until post the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for April 2010.