

The Parish of Ramsgate Holy Trinity



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Parish Profile

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A new priest for Holy Trinity Ramsgate

Holy Trinity Ramsgate is a vibrant church with a strong Anglo-Catholic tradition, a member of The Society, where music is a fundamental part of church life and children are first and foremost in our church community. After an almost 40-year incumbency followed by two rather short terms, Holy Trinity is ready for a new priest to help us build and develop our traditions and congregation. With the help of our visiting priests, an emboldened PCC which values everybody's talents and a strong sense of unity, we have been building up our church and its community. We are ready for the next chapter with the guidance and leadership of a priest who shares our vision.

As well as reading this Parish Profile you are encouraged to visit our Facebook and Instagram pages and our website at www.holytrinitychurchramsgate.com We hope these might give you a greater insight into our Parish life.



A message from the Bishop of Richborough

When we are discerning the next steps in priestly ministry of course the first thing to do is to pray. As you read this Parish Profile, I am praying for you and for a renewed consecration of your life and ministry; of faithful, joyful and sacrificial service; and that you will consider joining us as a fellow priest and pilgrim here in the Richborough family serving within the Diocese of Canterbury.

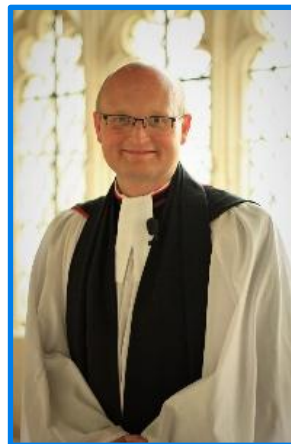
Rejoicing in the fullness of Catholic life within the Church of England, our parishes serve a huge variety of communities, rural, coastal and urban, across 14 Dioceses within the Province of Canterbury.

Amidst this diversity, we are called to bring Jesus Christ to all those whom we serve in his name, working in close and fruitful partnership with our sisters and brothers in each Diocese. We do this through the beauty of holiness manifest in our liturgical and sacramental life, in our pastoral care, in our evangelistic zeal and through our active care for the most vulnerable: that God's holy people may be fed, nurtured and equipped for his loving purposes in the world.

If the Lord is calling you to serve as the new parish priest for Holy Trinity, Ramsgate, may your 'yes' be a source of life and peace for you and those whom you will serve in his Name.

+Luke Rutupiae

The Right Reverend Luke Irvine-Capel
Bishop of Richborough
nostra autem conversatio in caelis





Rector (0.5 Stipend plus House)

Holy Trinity, Ramsgate

A Message from the Bishop of Dover



Welcome and thank you for taking an interest in the role of Rector of Holy Trinity Ramsgate. The Parish Profile sets out the needs and priorities of the parishes, their shared Person Specification will give you an idea of the kind of priest they are looking for.

Who we are

Founded in 597 by St Augustine, Canterbury Diocese is the oldest diocese in England and has a special place in the life of the national and worldwide Church. With its iconic Cathedral it forms a focal point for the life of the whole Anglican Communion, offering a spiritual home and place of pilgrimage for people from every nation and walk of life.

Kent is renowned as the 'Garden of England' and this rural heart is core to our identity – yet the communities we serve are very diverse. Our Diocese stretches from Maidstone to Thanet, from the Isle of Sheppey to the

Romney Marsh. We have 350 miles of coastline with historic ports and seaside resorts, alongside rural communities, market towns and commuter-belt urban developments. Affluent areas often sit alongside pockets of major deprivation, offering an exciting and challenging mission context.

Our vision

By God's grace we want to be a people who are...

- *confident & creative disciples of Jesus Christ*
- *rooted in scripture & drenched in prayer*
- *living gratefully, giving generously, caring for creation & sharing the gospel*
- *growing in number & expectations – of God & ourselves*
- *motivated by justice & love, open to the Spirit & ready for adventure!*

Therefore we will...

'Therefore we will...' is a recognition that words without actions are empty. In 2023, Diocesan Synod agreed to three bold outcomes which flesh out how our vision will be achieved by 2030.





Three Bold Outcomes

1. Double the number of children and young disciples.
2. 200 new Christian communities.
3. Every parish, benefice and deanery showing signs of revitalisation.

Every deanery is currently working on updating their deanery plans from the versions that fed into our 2022 strategy document [which you can find here](#). Our strategic planning across the diocese is a dynamic process - and it's exciting that parishes are considering our vision and the bold outcomes vision for themselves, exploring together what actions they will commit to take, what their local 'Therefore we will...' might look like.

As well as the three bold outcomes our diocesan synod has committed to a net zero carbon action plan. When General Synod and Diocesan Synod adopted this goal, it was clear that it would be very challenging. However, the significant changes in global weather events in recent years have underlined the urgency of tackling the amount of carbon we produce. The leadership shown by the Church of England is important and the action plan takes a positive approach to working towards this ambitious target.

At the heart of all we do is a commitment to transformation for ourselves and our communities: *Changed Lives* → *Changing Lives*. If you are the right person for this role, we will be looking for you to join in with what God is already doing and play a crucial part in making our vision a reality.

Our Safeguarding Ethos

As a diocesan family, we are also deeply committed to our calling to build a safer, more welcoming church for all. We will never be perfect, but we can work together to make our churches safer. At the heart of this ethos is the conviction that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – and that it needs to be at the heart of everything we do. You can find out more about our approach to safeguarding [here](#).

Our commitment to you

We know that supporting healthy, flourishing ministers (lay and ordained) is crucial for a healthy, flourishing diocese. Therefore, we offer the 'Canterbury Diet' to all our new incumbent ministers – this is an intentional programme for ministerial development, health, growth and faith. A similar lay programme is in development too. We offer pastoral supervision and spiritual accompaniment, an invitation to be part of residential training programmes focused on learning, leading and mission, action learning sets, as well as a range of specialised training events, and other regular opportunities for growth in prayer and spirituality.

In short, I hope that you will be as excited by our vision, priorities and opportunities as we are. Be assured of our prayers as you consider your next step in ministry.

The Rt Revd Rose Hudson Wilkin
Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury



The Canterbury Diet for Incumbents and Priests in Charge

<p>After licensing the Incumbent meets with the Director of Mission & Ministry who introduces the priest to the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Canterbury Diet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and offers a</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastoral Supervisor</p> <p>with whom she/he meets not less than four times per year</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Golden threads</p> <p>How are prayer and spiritual practices being developed? How am I learning and reflecting on ministry practice? How are we attending to good relationships and collaborative ministry?</p>
<p>Ministers acquire a</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spiritual Accompanier</p> <p>and meet regularly, recommended 6-8 weekly</p>	
<p>In the first two years the Incumbent or Priest in Charge attends the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministry Training Programme</p> <p>Monday to Friday residential courses generally held in Bruges</p> <p>Week One : The Minister as Learner (January, soon after licensing)</p> <p>Week Two: The Minister as Leader (June, of the same year)</p> <p>Week Three : The Minister as Missioner (January, the following year)</p>	
<p>Participation in the annual</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministerial Development Review</p> <p>Meet with Consultant Reviewer, complete a Personal Development Plan; meet with Archdeacon a year later and update the PDP, and so on, with opportunity to review Pastoral Supervision and Spiritual Accompaniment. Also meet with the bishop during the course of the two-year cycle.</p>	
<p>As able, participate in professional ministry courses:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Management Skills Course</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Working with Conflict</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leading Change</p> <p>each a two by one day course, offered regularly at advertised times through the year</p>	
<p>Participation in four</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wellbeing Courses</p> <p>two hour evening meetings, two offered per year</p>	
<p>Participate in relevant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Continuing Ministry Development Events</p> <p>at advertised days and times</p>	





And a note from the Archdeacon of Canterbury

This is a parish with real potential. There is a solid and committed worshipping community in place, with a strong sense of identity, warmth and welcome. The PCC has a realistic view of what they value in their worship, mission and community life and where they want to see development. With the right parish priest in this mix the result could be significant growth and development.

The parish church is blessed with a well-established catholic liturgy and excellent music. The Sunday School is significant and bigger than many and led by committed volunteers. There are good links with uniformed organisations and the primary school which could be built on further. I have very much enjoyed being a frequent visitor to preside at the Sunday Mass during the vacancy.

The PCC has made a request, on the grounds of theological conviction, that arrangements be made for it in accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests. This post is, consequently, open to male priests only.

The parish is mixed, with areas of economic hardship as well as seaside beauty. Ramsgate is a historic port town (although now without the ferry terminal which was a feature of the town for many years) with a number of different churches of different denominations and, within the Church of England, different traditions. There will be an opportunity for the new priest to join in conversations with colleagues about ministry in the town.

Ramsgate is in the Deanery of Thanet which covers the whole of the Isle of Thanet. The majority of the population is around the coast from Ramsgate in the South via Broadstairs, Margate and Westgate to Birchington in the North West. Dense areas of new housing are springing up with great speed in the inland areas of the island. There is an active and welcoming Deanery Chapter and Deanery Synod and the Area Dean, Canon Philip Musindi, is the vicar of one of the parishes in Broadstairs.

I would be pleased to have an informal conversation with any potential candidates. To arrange a conversation please contact Caroline Hemington (chemington@diocant.org).



The Venerable Dr Will Adam
Archdeacon of Canterbury
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Overview

The church of Holy Trinity occupies a prominent position in the town of Ramsgate in Kent. Near to the City of Canterbury and within easy access of London, Holy Trinity is situated on the East Cliff, close to the town centre. Not only is it physically imposing but, through its mission and outreach, the church plays an important part in the local community.



Holy Trinity is a grade 2* listed building of Special Architectural and Historic Interest. The church has many fine stained-glass windows, including two recent additions. It was built in 1844 to designs by Everard Henley of London, a noted church architect of the time. The walls are of beach flint and Bath stone. The church was built on land donated by Augusta Emma D' Este, the daughter of Prince Augustus Frederick, the Duke of Sussex.

The church hall was formed in 1979 in the Western end of the church. It is an invaluable resource for the church community, a place to meet after services, hold regular fairs and other social events for fundraising.

During this period of interregnum, our worshipping community has held up well and, in some senses, has blossomed because lay leadership is strong and well supported. People work together to continue to offer pastoral care in the community, to ensure that key services are covered and that the church is well maintained and cared for. Music and our vital Sunday School have been particularly important in keeping everyone together over recent months. We are currently only able to offer services on Sunday and key liturgical occasions but are looking forward to returning to regular weekday services.



What we seek in a Parish Priest

- A good shepherd to guide us, teach us, deepen our faith and encourage our Anglo-Catholic tradition.
- Someone who will reach out to the local community to grow our church.
- A priest who appreciates the importance of music in our worship, who will work together with our musical director.
- Someone who will continue to develop the links with our school and work with our Sunday School leaders to further encourage youth ministry.
- Work closely with our Fundraising, Social and Growth team in our efforts to raise much needed funding.



About Ramsgate and Thanet

The Isle of Thanet includes the towns of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate. Thanet has excellent primary and secondary schools, including two local Grammar Schools. The local hospital, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (QEQM), is located in Margate and there are several GP surgeries and other medical facilities nearby.

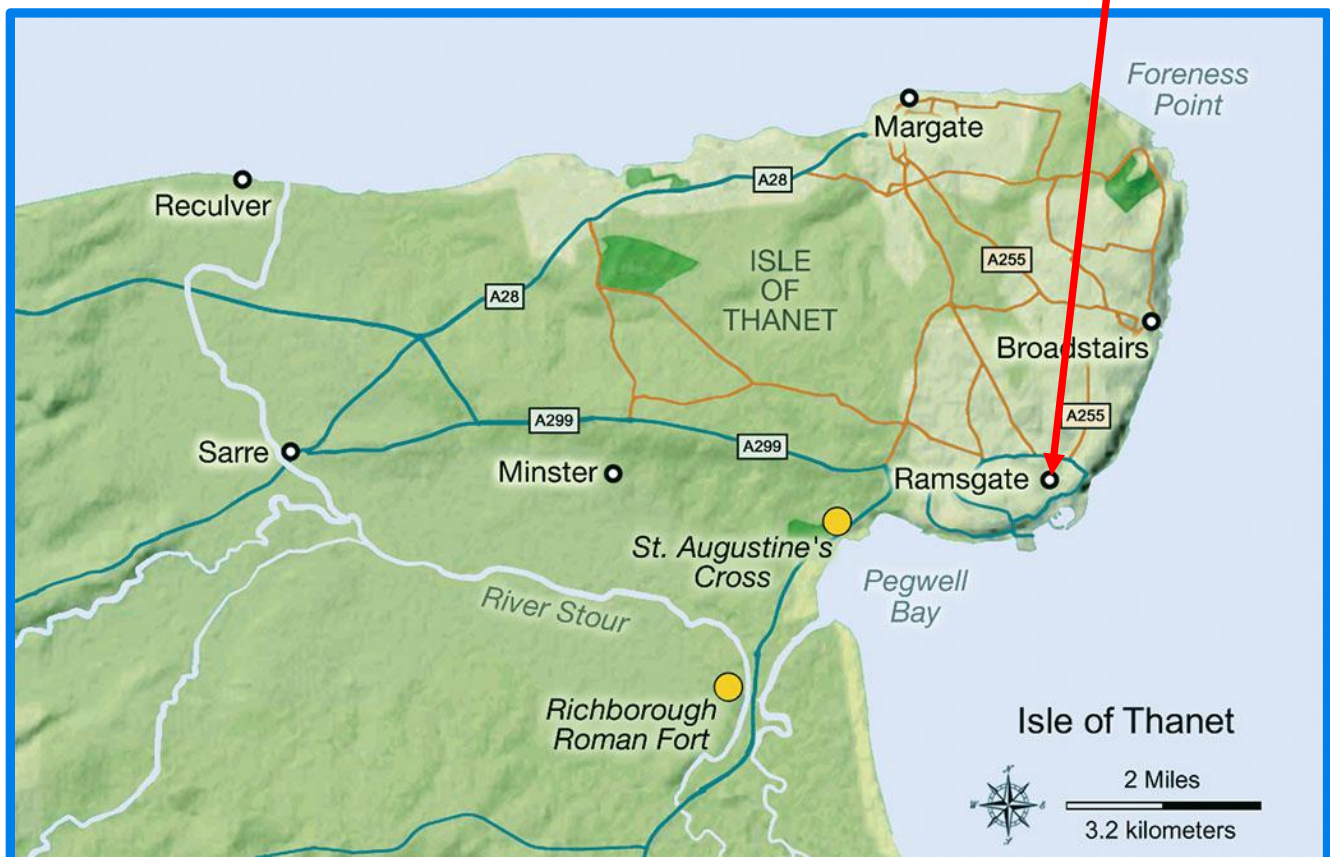
Ramsgate is a town of mixed communities and is steeped in history, with its varied maritime and military connections, architectural finery and many a blue plaque to noted artists, writers and royalty who have stayed or lived here over the years. Ramsgate has nearly 900 listed buildings including Georgian, Regency and Victorian architecture. Architects Mary Townley, Augustus Pugin and Edward Pugin have all designed and built buildings in Ramsgate.

Ramsgate has beautiful sandy beaches, nestled under the chalk cliffs, and the country's only Royal Harbour, which is one of the finest marinas in the Southeast. The town has a wealth of restaurants, cafés, bars and pubs.

Ramsgate enjoys easy links to London by road and rail, with a regular and efficient service to London St Pancras from Ramsgate or Thanet Parkway, taking just over an hour. A wonderful place to live with all the benefits of beach life, countryside and easy access to main cities such as London and Canterbury.



Location map



Worship

At Holy Trinity the focus of our week is on the Sung Eucharist service on Sunday, but we are looking forward to being able to resume Masses during the week. We also celebrate key liturgical services throughout the year. The Sung Mass is led by the musical director and the choir with choral, plainsong and congregational Mass settings and hymns. Lay people support the priest during the service, including our two budding young servers. We are well-supported during interregnum with the help of two retired priests and our Archdeacon. We have a lay Pastoral Care Leader who can take Communion to the housebound and to those in hospital or residential care as we endeavor to maintain links with members of our community who find it difficult sometimes to attend church. We continue to organise baptisms, weddings and funerals on request with the help of our supporting priests, and we hold an annual pet blessing service which is well attended by our furry and feathered friends. We are also keen to begin Bible Study as a form of fellowship and worship.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

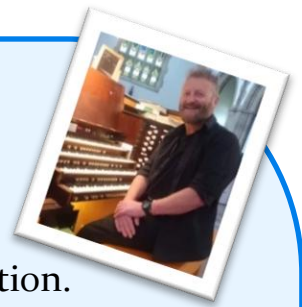
During interregnum we have held 5 baptisms and 4 funerals, and there is a wedding planned for November. We are pleased to be able to offer the church hall for use after such occasions.



Music

At Holy Trinity we maintain an entirely classical music tradition. The Director of Music, Stephen Ansell, B.A., (Ebor), who is a professional musician, works tirelessly to organise the music for our services. Music forms a vital part of Holy Trinity's worship, including first and foremost, a sung Mass on Sundays and encompassing a wide range of choral music and plainsong. Steve is a talented organist and works hard with the choir to provide appropriate hymns, psalms and responses within the sung Mass. The choir rehearses every Thursday and before each Mass to ensure that the service runs smoothly, consistently and in line with the church calendar. After a hiatus, we hope to offer Choral Evensong again in the near future.

We run Trinity Music Academy every other Thursday, to encourage newcomers and to reach out to the wider community. This also provides an opportunity for the choir to learn more about voice training, harmony singing and reading music. Once a month, we encourage children and interested adults to learn about the organ at Organ and Singing Club. Some of the attendees will be playing the organ before Mass. Steve is now teaching the organ in local schools, including our own school, Ramsgate Holy Trinity. Because our organ is an excellent instrument (Mander Organs, Canterbury) in good condition after recent fundraising paid for extensive restoration, the Kent County Organists Association meets here from time to time to share their experiences. We are also in the process of opening up the organ for use by young organists to facilitate their practice and as a means of encouraging this vital skill in the church community.



The Organ

The original organ was built in 1871 - a two-manual instrument which was reported to be very loud and coarse in tone. This instrument was moved to the west gallery in 1938 by the then organist Mr Frank Bowen. Work on rebuilding the organ as a three-manual instrument was begun in 1962 but due to financial restrictions was not completed until 1971. In 2002 the organ was overhauled, and a generous bequest made it possible to make improvements to the mechanism as well as various tonal enhancements and additions. Further major improvements were undertaken with in the last two years after a successful fund-raising campaign. The comprehensive tonal specification makes the organ ideally suited to both concert work and the accompaniment of the liturgy.



The Sound System

In recent years, thanks to a donation in memory of a much-loved member of the congregation, a brand-new sound system has been installed within the church, which includes a loop system.

Ramsgate Holy Trinity CE Primary School

We have a close link with our school. Currently three members of our church sit on the governing body of the school, including the Chair and the Chair of Finance. The ex-officio role on the Board awaits our new priest. In the most recent SIAMS inspection the school gained a J1 grade, indicating an outstanding performance. Our former priests have played an active role in the school's worship, and we are very keen to develop this further. The school has been using the church increasingly for services and educational visits. The close relationship between church and school is mutually beneficial, with many families attending both. Please see letter at Appendix 1 from the Head of School.



Parish Communications

The Parish website is maintained regularly, and we also update our entry on A Church Near You with relevant information about services and events. We have three Facebook pages, one for the main church, one for Sunday School and another for hall hire and events. We also have an Instagram account for the church.

The church uses pew sheets from Redemptorist Publications, on the back of which is printed a weekly bulletin, which gives details of services, readings, breaking news and forthcoming events. The pew sheet is also shared weekly on the church Facebook page to keep in touch with those who cannot attend Mass.



Ministry Team

In addition to the Parish Priest, we have two retired priests who assist where needed and we have a Pastoral Care Assistant. The worship of the church is led by the Parish Priest in association with the other members of the church. There are several persons who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. The Parish Priest takes Communion to the housebound and to those in hospital or residential care. We have recently begun training two young altar servers.

The PCC

The PCC currently consists of 10 members and meets every month. We have a Finance sub-committee, Gift Aid Secretary, Safeguarding Officer, Fabric Officer, Treasurer and Deanery Synod Reps. In addition, we have a sub-committee consisting of members of the PCC and the wider congregation who meet monthly to oversee fundraising, social events and growth of the church (the FSG group).

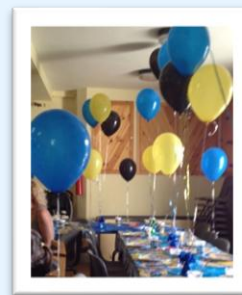


Deanery and Ecumenical links

Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate belongs to the Thanet Deanery. Within this Deanery, our church is the only Society church and maintains an Anglo-Catholic tradition. The distinctive nature of our church is instrumental in retaining our congregation and in attracting new members, sometimes from far and wide. We have two Deanery Synod representatives and two members of the Forward in Faith group who regularly attend their meetings.

Church Hall

The Church Hall was created in 1979, when the church was divided in half. It is, therefore, an integral part of the church building. There are comprehensive facilities, including a large open area, a smaller side room and kitchen. The hall is used by our Sunday School, with the larger area being used by the pre-school children and the smaller room being used for the older children. The church and hall are open to the community on a Friday morning and are staffed by members of the congregation, who as well as working in the church, also offer refreshments and a drop-in facility. The hall is used by our worshipping community for social activities such as Fish & Chip Quiz or Bingo evenings and for specific functions. The hall is also hired out for parties and receptions. The hall is used as a community resource for clubs and activities and, although we suffered losses due to the pandemic, new bookings are now being taken. Brownie and Rainbow groups meet each week during term time and parade once a month, joining in with Sunday School. We have a dedicated hall manager who works hard to maximize income and to generate a revenue stream for the church. We are now the Polling Station for the parish and regular bookings include a Diabetes Support Group, Slimming World and training sessions for the unemployed. On National Heritage Open Days the church is open with a display put on by local historians.





The Church Building

Holy Trinity is a Grade 2* listed building of Special Architectural and Historic Interest. The Lady Chapel on the north side of the Sanctuary is used for mid-week Masses. The pulpit, standing nine feet high, is octagonal in shape with four large carved panels. The grounds around the church are maintained by members of our congregation on regular gardening and maintenance days, which always include a shared lunch. A gardener is employed to cut the grass. Routine maintenance of the buildings is on-going. The West wall and pinnacles and scaffolding have recently been repaired. In March 2022, the bell cote was damaged by high winds and had to be removed. The repairs were covered by our buildings insurance and involved a structural engineer, architect and stonemason who worked together to re-instate the bell cote consistent with its Grade II listing. Internally our buildings are cared for by a dedicated team comprising a cleaner, who comes in every week, brass cleaners and flower arrangers. Our Fabric Officer is involved in buildings maintenance and on-going repairs, drawing on the skills of local craftsmen and consistent with Diocesan regulations.

The existing church boiler failed four years ago so the opportunity was taken to install a completely new system with new pipework and radiators. As a result, we have been able to make a huge step forward in reducing our carbon footprint. All the lights in the church have been replaced with LED lights and we hope to do the same with the church hall in the near future.



Children's Ministry at Holy Trinity Church

The Sunday School at Holy Trinity has been in existence throughout the history of the church and goes from strength to strength. We currently have a Sunday School team of four main leaders with additional help from parents. Our leaders have strong links to Ramsgate Holy Trinity School and a local nursery school. The same leaders also run Brownies and Rainbows at Holy Trinity with regular church parades, and the families of the Brownies and Rainbows are encouraged to attend church services and fund-raising events. Our curriculum is based on the Lectionary. We use many different media to teach the Word of God, from using Bible puppets to building a wall of prayer each week with Duplo bricks. Every week the children make a craft to take home and learn a memory verse which is recited in church during Mass. There are about 25 children registered with good attendance. The children enjoy dressing up at times such as for Palm Sunday, Christmas, Epiphany and May Devotions. The Sunday School also runs activities such as the Light Party, as an alternative to Halloween, and occasional Messy Church sessions.

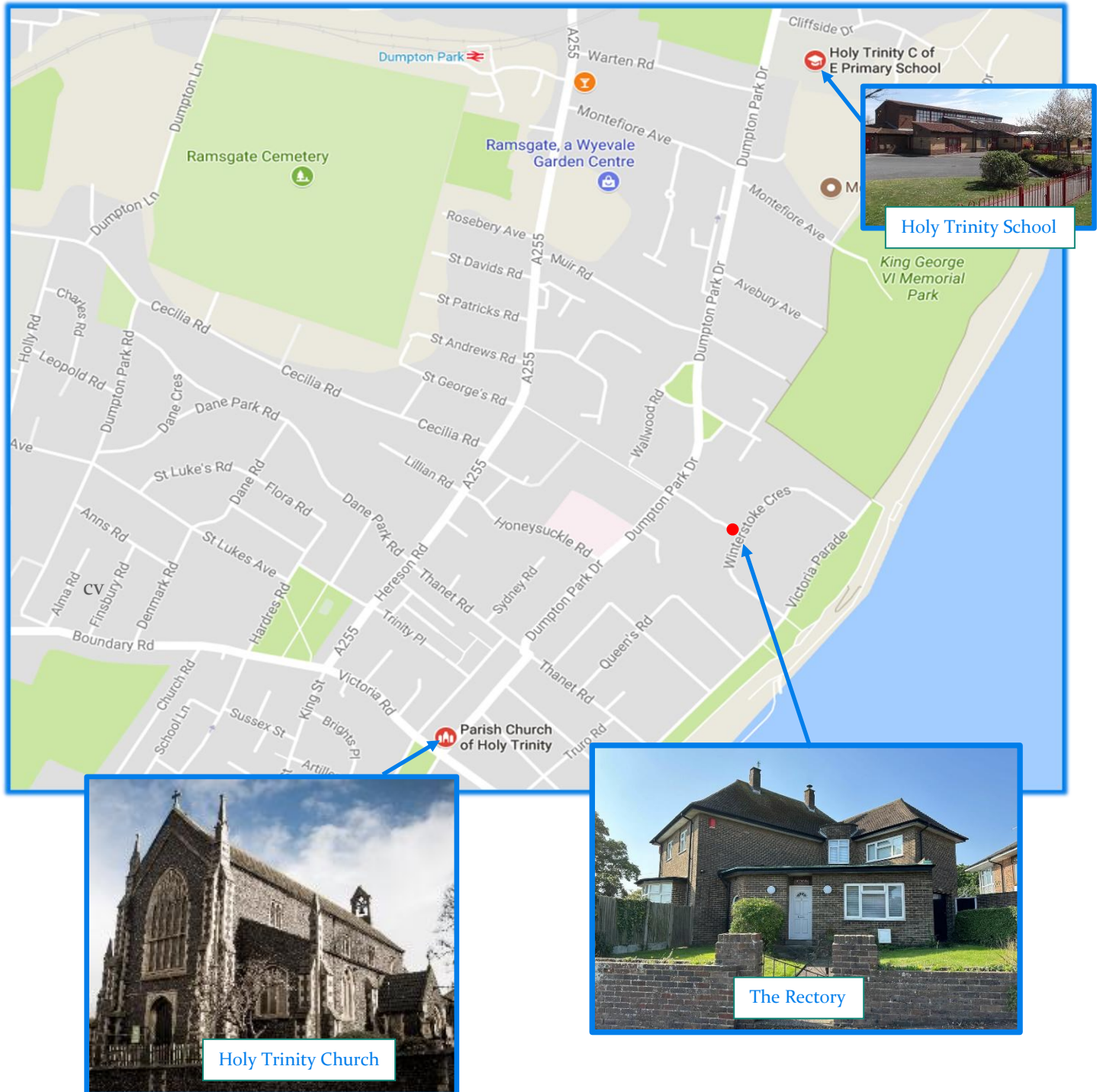


The Rectory

Holy Trinity's Rectory is a spacious detached house built in 1953. It is situated in Winterstoke Way in Ramsgate and is WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF the church, beach and town centre. It is set in a quiet location but is very close to the bus route. The Rectory is surrounded by gardens and overlooks the sea. The Rectory has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. There is a pleasant well-proportioned sitting room with an open fire and a dining room with French windows onto the garden and patio, a well-appointed kitchen and utility room. Also on the ground floor, there is a study and cloakroom. The garage is integrated into the house and therefore affords direct access to the living accommodation. There is also a driveway for a second car.



Map showing location of The Rectory, Holy Trinity Church and Holy Trinity School.



Financial Overview

The PCC of Holy Trinity Ramsgate have prioritised paying our share in full. We have no reason to believe that this should change in the near future. This is made easier with support from ACS and Linc, but we also have healthy income streams.

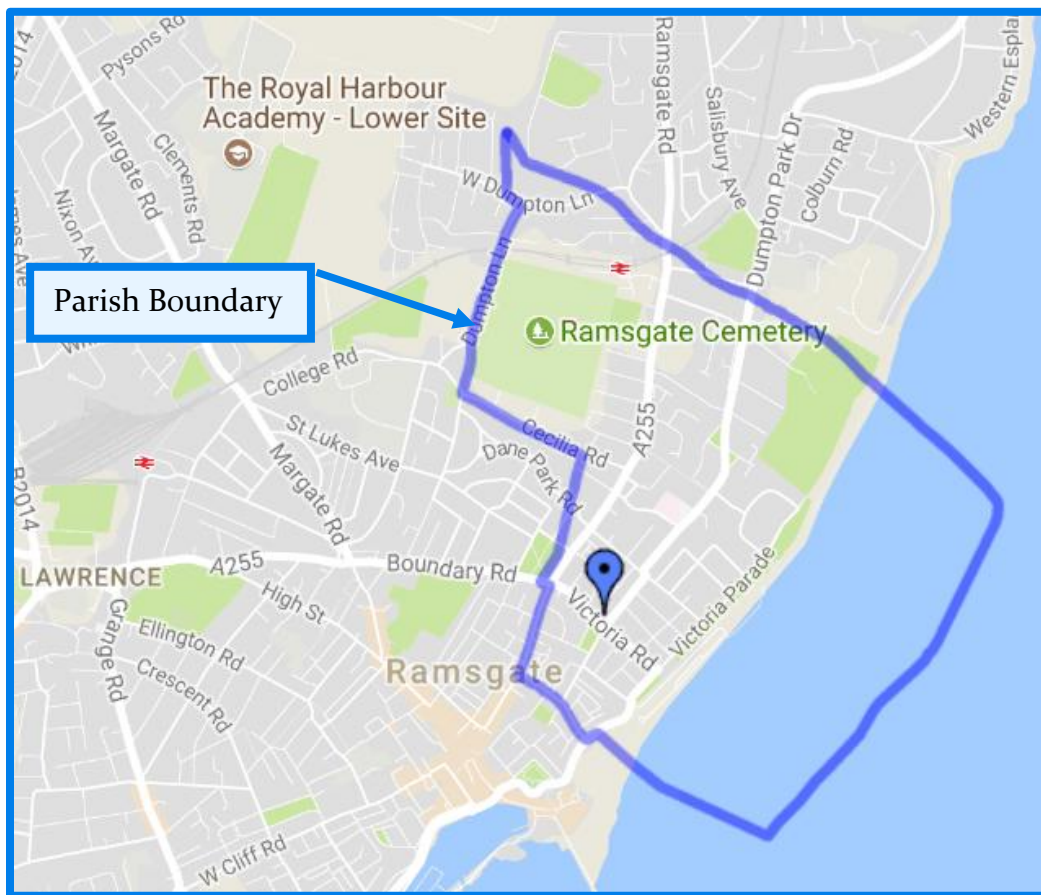
We have a good level of regular giving, both through the plate and by direct debit, and our church hall is regularly hired out for use by the community. With a healthy programme of social gatherings and fairs which raise additional funds, coupled with gift aid wherever possible, this allows us to cover our day-to-day running costs. Our income levels are increasing year-on-year, but when we experience shortfalls in expenditure over income, we have a legacy fund with Aviva which helps to cover the gap.

Our only regular expenditure of note over and beyond cleaning, gardening, utilities, insurance and supplies is an honorarium to our director of music. We are blessed to have PCC and congregation members who give freely of their time and expertise to deal with many routine maintenance issues and the upkeep of the church building and grounds.

Holy Trinity Ramsgate Finances 2024 - 2026

	2024	2025	2026
Income			
Regular Giving	£ 6,700.00	£ 7,400.00	£ 8,100.00
Service Collections and Donations	£ 11,100.00	£ 11,900.00	£ 12,800.00
Gift Aid / VAT Reclaimed on Works	£ 6,900.00	£ 5,500.00	£ 5,500.00
Return on Investments	£ 5,000.00	£ 4,200.00	£ 3,400.00
Hall Hire and Events	£ 7,000.00	£ 7,700.00	£ 8,400.00
External Funding	£ 20,000.00	£ 15,000.00	£ 15,000.00
Outgoings			
Share	£ 42,000.00	£ 52,000.00	£ 55,000.00
Salaries, wages and honorarium	£ 5,800.00	£ 6,000.00	£ 6,200.00
Church running expenses	£ 14,500.00	£ 15,300.00	£ 16,300.00





House of Bishops' Declaration

The Present Position of the PCC of Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate

The Resolution was unanimously re-affirmed once it was confirmed that we were going into interregnum. Holy Trinity is proud to be a member of

The Society under the patronage of St Wilfred and St. Hilda and will continue to uphold the values of the Society. In addition, Holy Trinity is an active member of the Forward in Faith group in the Diocese of Canterbury and nationally.



Links and Contacts:

Churchwardens:

Both Church Wardens will be happy to answer any questions and can be contacted as shown below:



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Holy Trinity Church Ramsgate Website:

<https://holytrinitychurchramsgate.com>

Holy Trinity Church Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/holytrinitychurchramsgate>

Holy Trinity Church Ramsgate Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/holytrinitychurchramsgate/

Holy Trinity Church Ramsgate Sunday School Facebook Page:

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Holy Trinity Church Hall for hire and Events Facebook Page:

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Forward in Faith:

forwardinfaith.com/

The Society:

<http://www.sswsh.com/>

The Bishop of Richborough:

<http://www.richborough.org.uk/index.php>

Additional Curates Society:

<https://www.additionalcurates.co.uk/>

Thanet District Council:

<https://www.thanet.gov.uk/>

Appendix A – Letter from the Head of Ramsgate Holy Trinity School

Ramsgate Holy Trinity C.E. Primary School

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In support of the appointment of a new priest for Holy Trinity Church Ramsgate

At Ramsgate Holy Trinity C.E. Primary School, our Christian vision is the heartbeat of our community:

Every day we gather as a community of learners and leaders, recognising and nurturing each individual and their gifts. Following Jesus' example, we aspire to be inclusive, compassionate and caring, valuing curiosity and embracing challenge to prepare our children for an ever-changing world. From our first day, all and one are nourished: spiritually, emotionally, academically and physically.

As a school rooted in the Anglican tradition, we welcome and embrace children and families of all faiths and none. We see spirituality as something that is nurtured in every individual, staff and children alike, and we strive to create space for reflection, wonder, prayer, and growth. Our connection with Holy Trinity Church has played a vital role in this journey, helping us to shape a school culture that is both distinctively Christian and deeply inclusive.

The presence of a committed and visible priest has always been profound. It has enriched our collective worship, supported our RE curriculum, and offered pastoral care that resonates with the whole school community. Through shared acts of worship, school celebrations, community engagement, and mutual prayer, our relationship with the Church has brought life and depth to the spiritual development of our whole school family.

As the parish seeks its new priest, we are prayerfully hopeful for someone who will joyfully embrace and nurture this partnership. We seek a priest who is passionate about engaging with children, who understands the unique opportunities of working with a school community, and who will walk alongside us as we grow together in faith, hope, and love.