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FRIENDS OF KENT
CHURCHES

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Our main role is to make grants to churches which need to carry out repairs to their fabric and historical fittings and also towards facilities to keep churches in use. Grants are paid once work is completed.

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES

FACTS AND FIGURES

- FOUNDED 1949 - STILL COVERS
- KENT'S HISTORIC COUNTY BORDERS
- SET UP IN RESPONSE TO BAD STATE OF CHURCHES AFTER YEARS OF NEGLECT AND WAR DAMAGE
 - FIRST GRANTS 1951 – 2 OF £29 & 3 OF £25
 - IN FIRST 10 YEARS **£7989** PAID IN GRANTS
 - IN PAST 10 YEARS **£1,428,980** PAID

Early Fundraising included Open Gardens, Collecting Boxes and Sale of Cards

- **SPONSORED BIKE RIDE**

- First bike ride in 1985 raised over **£44,000**
and grants quadrupled

- **RIDE AND STRIDE**

- 2017 Ride and Stride raised over **£130,000**
 - (Only 3 other trusts have ever exceeded £100K)

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RIDE & STRIDE 2017 FACTS AND FIGURES

- Highest amount raised by one church :
Ulcombe £2816
- Highest number of churches visited: **75**
- Most Visited Church: **Brenzett, St Eanswith**
- Churches Open: **731**
- Number of Riders/Walkers: **864**
- Estimated total visits to churches: **10,500**

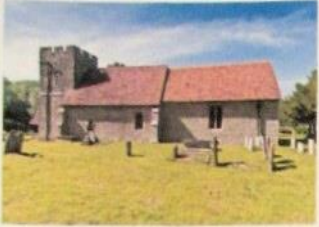
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Where does our money come from?

2017 £K

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|--------------------------|-----|------|
| • Ride & Stride | 75 | 59%* |
| • Investment Income | 11 | 8% |
| • Legacies and Donations | 42 | 33% |
| • Total Income | 128 | 100% |
- What was it spent on? Grant offers made in 2017 £158,000
 - Every penny of sponsors' money from Ride & Stride goes to churches, either to the participants' church or through FKC grants.

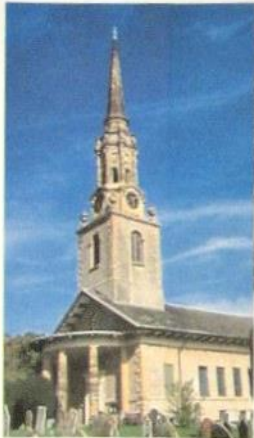
In 2017 you helped us to raise **£130,397** which allowed the Friends of Kent Churches to promise to help 29 churches with essential repairs. **Thank you!**
Amongst the recipients are:



St Catherine,
Preston-next-
Faversham



St Margaret, Broomfield



St Mary, Nettlestead



St Dunstan, Frinsted

St Lawrence, Mereworth



St Nicholas, New Romney

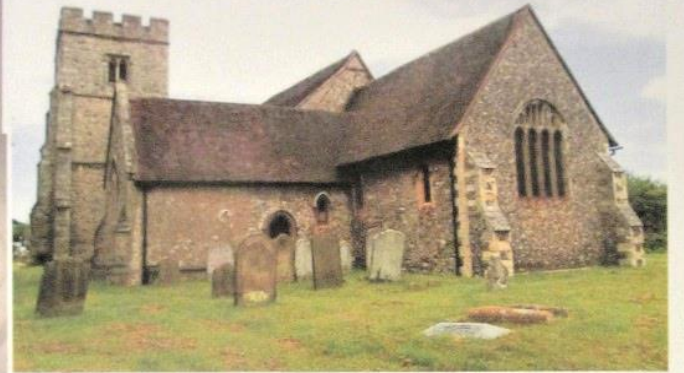


Appledore
Methodist Church

WHO WE GAVE THE MONEY TO AND WHY

Money raised by


provides grants to many churches to help with the cost of their essential repairs



All Saints, Snodland was placed on the at risk Register in 2014. It has needed repairs to window tracery, stonework, roof and rainwater goods

St Mary Milstead needed extensive repairs to its tower and turret





HOW TO APPLY FOR AN FKC GRANT:
GO ON LINE TO
WWW.FRIENDSOFKENTCHURCHES.CO.UK

PRINT OUT APPLICATION FORM OR COMPLETE ON
LINE

MEMBER OF GRANTS COMMITTEE VISITS CHURCH
GRANTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
FKC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ENDORSES
CHURCH INFORMED

MEMBERSHIP

- GOOD NEWS: YOU CAN ALL JOIN!

- HOW?

- 1. BY GIVING ME MONEY

- 2. BY FILLING IN A MEMBERSHIP FORM

- 3. BY JOINING ON-LINE @

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

- **RIDE AND STRIDE 2019**
- **SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**

ON YOUR BIKE!

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