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As far eastern countries come out of the recession, we will see the price of metal, particularly copper and lead, increase and hence become more desirable to thieves.

Kent Police continues to work closely with other agencies to help combat these crimes.

We fully understand that the cost to places of worship is much more than financial, as it causes distress and can increase the fear of crime amongst your fellowship and the local communities you serve.

Last year we worked hard with the Archdeacons and Ecclesiastical Insurance, to help make you aware of crime prevention measures and provided local policing contacts for you. You can visit www.kent.police.uk to find out who your local neighbourhood officer is by simply entering your postcode or visit the Property Services/Buildings page on the Diocesan Website. You can also report non-urgent crimes via the Police website too if preferred.

Please be assured that Kent Police will continue to work closely with you to offer guidance and assistance in order to help combat any potential increase in metal thefts and individual police areas will continue to work towards bringing offenders to justice.

To report a crime in progress or a life in danger dial 999 otherwise incidents can be logged to the police via 01622 690690. If you would like specific crime prevention advice concerning your site, please don't hesitate to contact your local Crime Reduction Officer, as per the attached list.

I trust that this information will be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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