

**THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SHILLINGTON.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024
AGM – 24th APRIL 2025**

As set out in the FOAS Constitution the objective of the Association is to assist with *the restoration, improvement and maintenance of the Fabric of All Saints Church, Shillington.*
The function of the committee is to raise funds to achieve this by:

- Inviting members to contribute annual subscriptions.
- Applying for and securing grants towards the cost of works.
- Organising fundraising events.

Breaking with tradition I am going start this year with expenditure. We are very pleased that this year we were able to spend a significant sum on the fabric of the Church which, as noted above, is our primary objective. Over the last 12 months we completed works to the value of **£43,591**. The breakdown of this sum as set out in the accounts. The major element of this expenditure being masonry works to the North Door which I think all agree has produced a magnificent result. The total project expenditure over the last 2 years is now **£57,269**

Turning to income.

Annual subscriptions received for the year amounted to **£3,837**, a reduction of **£299** on the previous year. As mentioned in last year's report, the period end for claiming Gift Aid has been changed to align with our accounting period. The amount claimed and received in this period is **£3,535**. This amount has been enhanced by some **£1,075** as a consequence of Zoe Glenister very kindly making the donation made in memory of her husband Paul, subject to Gift Aid. Another big thank you to Zoe. As referred to in the Chairman's report the recovery of funds through Gift Aid is substantial and we are very grateful for members or donators who are able to submit the necessary tax declarations.

In addition to subscriptions The Crown Shillington have donated funds generated through various events held throughout 2024 to The Friends Of All Saints. The accounts show a sum of £1,990 however a further £1,110 has been received after our accounting year end bringing the total raised in 2024 to £3,100 as noted in the Chairman's report. These funds will be set against the repair works to the Boundary Wall. Thanks to Vicki, Phillip and 'The Crown Team' for their support in 2024 and also into 2025 as noted in the Chairman's report.

We were awarded grants from Francis Cole Charitable Foundation and Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust both in the amount of £5,000 towards the North Door Stonework as mentioned in last year's report. These sums were paid upon completion of the work as shown in the accounts.

Fundraising events continue to be a success and raised a total of **£8,515**.

Sunday Teas in the Church, which continues to be a village favourite for weekly meetings, conversation, tea and cake, raised an incredible **£4,329**. Thank you to all the volunteers for their time and excellent baking.

An old favourite 'Skittles' was held in the Village Hall in February and made **£884**.

Shillingfest, now an annual event in the village calendar, made a profit of **£466** via a Raffle, Tin Pan Alley side stall and 'The Human Fruit Machine'. The Fruit Machine was extremely successful and income received at Shillingfest has covered the construction cost of this new piece of equipment. It is hoped that 'The Machine' will be a good income generator at future events.

We have continued to support Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trusts Bike n' Hike, however this year saw a very small income not yet received and thus not reflected in the accounts. It is hoped that 2025 will see a better financial result for this event.

October 18th & 19th saw the return of 'Joy To The World'. This was the 5th Production of the 'JTTW Franchise.' and again 2 evenings of entertainment including Music, Choral Pieces & Poetry readings was a success raising **£2,836**. Thank you to our sponsors, a huge list of musicians, singers, volunteers and Joy Robertson for her organisation, enthusiasm, time and vision.

From The Statement Of Accounts, there is a Cash Balance of **£28,842**. This has been accrued for works to complete Boundary Wall Repairs, Repairs to the Bell Ringers Window and monies for roof inspection and towards any consequent works. As with all Church structures the roof is a constant point of focus for maintenance. The roof of All Saints Shillington is no exception and now has to be subject of substantial inspections coupled with potential repairs. Any sums currently held will only make a very small contribution to the potential inspection and remedial costs, thus there will be an increased need to secure substantial grants and other funding.

The Chairman's report makes reference to procedures and requirements of the Charity Commission. As part of their requirements, we must submit an ***'Independent examiners report on our accounts,'*** I would therefore like to give a big thank you to David Howarth who carries out the necessary audit for us to ensure we remain compliant.

I would like to thank Andy for picking up the gauntlet of Chairman and leading the committee in a very positive, professional, and friendly manner. I know my thanks are endorsed by the entire committee; ***we have complete confidence in the Chair!***

Finally, I would like to mirror the thanks and appreciation as the Chairman's Report. This continued support be it financial, time and or skills is invaluable to us and our work. Thank you.

Jim Robertson.
Treasurer.

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FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SHILLINGTON

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

FUNDS AT BANK		AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023	£	AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022	£
	Add	Drinks Stock carried forward	44,453		30,223
			279		103
			44,732		30,326
TRANSACTIONS:-		2024		2023	
Subscriptions, donations, legacies and similar receipts.		£		£	
Members subscriptions		3,837		4,136	
Gift Aid Claim		3,535		0	
Other Donations -Unspecified		150		95	
Other Donations -The Crown Shillington - (Boundary Wall)		1,990		-	
Legacy - John Whitehall		-		5,000	
Donation in memory of Paul Glenister		-		4,300	
Bank Interest		355		-	
Payment to Herts Young Homeless (2022 event)		-	9,867	-145	13,386
Receipts from activities undertaken to generate funds.					
Sunday Teas		4,329		2,871	
Film Show (Grease 2022) - Matching Payment 'Whitbread'		-		750	
Race Night		-		1,190	
24 Hour Music		-		2,728	
Shillingfest		466		143	
Flying Teddies		-		152	
Bike N Hike (50% share)		-		319	
70's Disco		-		1,462	
Skittles		884		-	
Teddy Hunt (income included in Sunday Teas above)		-		-	
Joy To The World V		2,836		-	
Allowance for 'rounding' pence		-	8,515	8	9,623
Grants received towards works to Church and Churchyard.					
Shillington Parish Council	Boundary wall	-		1,000	
B L Robinson Trust	Boundary wall	-		5,500	
Jill Franklin Trust	North Door	-		1,000	
Francis Cole Charitable Foundation	North Door	5,000		-	
Beds & Herts Historic Churches	North Door	5,000	10,000	-	7,500
A. TOTAL INCOME			28,382		30,509
Administration expenses.					
Website Hosting & Maintenance.		166		166	
AGM Costs		88		102	
Public Liability Insurance		96		96	
Storage Costs.		29		-	
Bank Charges / SumUp fees		125	504	151	515
Expenditure on the Church.					
Contractors / Artisans:					
Masonry works (Totternhoe Stone Restoration)		-		739	
Works to Boundary Wall (Corinthian Stone)		8,670		10,811	
Roof Repairs / Leaks (G J Kinns)		324		864	
North Door Repair (Totternhoe Stone)		31,390		-	
Buttress Repair & Levelling Entrance (Totternhoe Stone)		206	40,590	-	12,414
Architects (Michael Dales Partnership) Fees:					
West End walling repairs		-		80	
Boundary wall		788		1,184	
North Door Repair		1,874		-	
Buttress Repair & Levelling Entrance		339	3,001	-	1,264
			43,591		13,678
Development Project. (see note 1 below - relating to 2023 payment)					
Website Design, Video Tour of Church, Walking Tour	Net Payment		0	Net Payment	1,910
Leaflet, Launch Event.					
B. TOTAL EXPENDITURE			44,095		16,103
C. NET PAYMENTS (A - B)			-15,713		14,406
D. NET ASSETS		AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024	29,019	AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023	44,732
Reconciliation:					
HSBC Bank Accounts			28,842		44,453
Drink Stock carried forward			177		279
			-		-
			-		-
			29,019		44,732

NOTES:

- Reference to 2023 payment;
The Development Project was funded by The National Heritage Lottery with small contributions from The Parish Council and Friends of All Saints. The Lottery Funding and Friends contribution were received in 2022. The majority of transactions occurred in 2022 as reflected in the reconciliation figures for 2022 and the Net payment made in 2023.
- The current cash balance at 31st December 2024 has been accrued for Works to complete Boundary Wall Repairs, Repairs to the Bell Ringers' Window, Replastering work on the north and south aisle walls, Monies for roof inspection and towards any consequent works.

CHAIRMAN

 A.G. Gibbs

TREASURER





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name Friends of All Saints' Church, Shillington

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

106329

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

D Howarth

Date: 10/04/2025

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