

# THE FRIENDS OF ST. EDMUND (K & M), TENDRING

England & Wales · Charity number 1064018

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1997-08-19

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** The Manor House  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ASSIST IN THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, RESTORATION, PRESERVATION, IMPROVEMENT, BEAUTIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY, OF THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, TENDRING IN THE DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD, OF ITS MONUMENTS, FIXTURES, FITTINGS, FURNITURE, STAINED GLASS, ORNAMENTS AND OTHER CHATTELS AND ITS CHURCHYARD TOGETHER WITH ITS PERIMETER BOUNDARIES (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE CHURCH").

**Activities:** A Summer Reception was held at 'Church House' on Sunday 27th June to raise the profile of the Friends of St Edmund, Tendring.

## Classification

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- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ESSEX
- Essex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£43,611	£9,000	-	-
2023-12-31	£38,371	£2,051	-	-
2022-12-31	£700	£500	-	-
2021-12-31	£605	£0	-	-
2020-12-31	£250	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Jonathan Gough</b>	Chair	2024-04-05
ANGELA JEAN GRAYSTON JP		
DAVID BRIAN COSBY		2016-04-10
DAVID FRANCIS GRAYSTON		
GLENN JOHN WILLIAM GOOCH		2017-03-03
MARILYN SUSAN GOOCH		2017-03-03
PATRICIA GOODMAN		
PETER CHARLES BURCHELL		2017-03-03
Sir NICHOLAS JOHN PATTEN KT		
WILLIAM F H GIBBON		

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# Accounts

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# THE FRIENDS OF ST EDMUND (K&M), TENDRING

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## Annual General Meeting

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm

### Chairman's Report

**Objects:** *The Friends is established to assist in the maintenance, repair, restoration, preservation, improvement, beautification and re-construction, for the benefit of the community, of the fabric of the Church of St Edmund, Tendring in the Diocese of Chelmsford, its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments and other chattels and its churchyard together with its perimeter boundaries (hereinafter called 'the Church').*

2024 seems to have been entirely focussed on the replacement organ and floor project although the idea of it only cropped up in June. It was then a rescue dash to decide on it and collect it by the end of the month, before its demolition. There was then a 'phony war' of four months, until the end of October while a faculty, to install a good organ for a bad organ on a sound floor, was considered.

This left the winter, in a very cold church, to install the instrument. Now, in April 2025, it is complete; the first major work since the tower was built in 1875.

I should say that at the time of committing Mark Wallis to undertake the dismantling, collecting and reassembly of the organ he had never seen an organ before. Having worked with him for many years I was confident in his multi-tasking ability.

On top of this commitment David Whymark's wise, but late suggestion to pave the rotten wooden floor was added to the list.

Bishops of Ipswich then convinced us to convert the pneumatic pedal operation to electronic; a highly complicated electronic conversion; one of Mark's skills fortunately. In reassembly Mark was able to rearrange components to enable the bellows to be removed quickly if necessary; a saving of £5,000. On inspection the leathers are quite sound. He also relocated organ pipe families to reduce the depth of the organ which has enabled the East window to be seen for the first time in 165 years. This has also created a useable space behind the organ.

Several Friends helped with the physical work – moving bricks and preparing the floor for paving while Peter decorated the wall panelling and spent many days with Mark re connecting a multitude of linkages, a two man job and in freezing conditions;

However, we have each joined The Friends for our own varied reasons to support the church of St Edmund, as stated above in the 'Objects'. During the last twenty eight years of The Friends and my chairmanship the situation has changed.

I'd like to look at the overall picture.

From a buoyant PCC of some seventeen members it is down to three; insufficient even to run services and let alone maintain the church and churchyard. The congregation now hovers at a dozen for a single service each month. The revenue is greatly reduced and the PCC's reserves have been excessively used for running costs. The Friend's assistance with maintenance has been essential.

A bone of contention has often been the PCC's required monthly contribution to 'Chelmsford' for what may seem little in return. Even this figure is heavily subsidised and contributes to the cost of running the organisation. Were it not to be paid, generally, then the clusters of small churches could become unviable and be forced to close. Should that happen then my hope is that a representative, functioning church would be left in each area, providing for wedding and funeral services etc for the area.

For this reason I see The Friends needing to have a greater role enabling the church to function – offering active maintenance and administration however possible. Friends already cut all the grass in the churchyard.

St Edmund is well qualified to be that surviving church in the area. As a Grade11\* listed building it is well located in the centre of the Hundred, disabled friendly, has a good capacity of 260, excellent car parking, toilets and village hall with an historical arrangement to use it free of charge, a recently increased capacity burial ground and a renovated peal of six bells with an active band of ringers.

For my part, as an historian, the building has not undergone the alterations of many churches. It has essentially remained as the Victorians left it in 1859, bar the 1875 addition of the tower and spire. The recent alteration to the Lady Chapel has brought it, sympathetically, into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The outstanding features of the church and churchyard could be said to be their excellent states of repair. Coupled with this, a well breeched Friends organisation could ensure it stays that way. We are well able to take on the burden of maintenance from the PCC, as defined in the Objects and as would be the wish of Reg Barton.

Should the church fail and close without some compromise scheme being worked out The Friends might be dissolved, with its funds going to a similarly motivated charity.

It is up to us to do what we can to ensure the viability of St Edmund into the future and I must say that I am looking forward to Johnnie taking on the chairmanship and with Glenn and Mal in their roles believe St Edmund can have a vibrant future.

**The Friends of St Edmund (K&M) Tendring (FOSET)**

**Registered Charity No.1064018**

**Financial Year 2024**

**Income and Expenditure at 31 December 2024**

<b>2023</b>			<b>2024</b>	
<b>£</b>	<b>331,124</b>	<b>Opening Balance of Funds</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>367,444</b>
		<b>Income</b>		
£	37,145	Claydens Funds	£	18,807
£	775	Donations/Subscriptions	£	610
£	452	HMRC-Reclaimed Gift Aid Tax	£	194
£	-	Transferred from Claydens Funds to Natwest Current Acct	£	24,000
<b>£</b>	<b>38,371</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>43,611</b>
		<b>Expenditure</b>		
£	2,051	Grant(s) to the Parochial Church Council	£	9,000
<b>£</b>	<b>2,051</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>9,000</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>36,320</b>	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>34,611</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>367,444</b>	<b>Closing Balance of Funds</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>402,055</b>
		<b>Represented by</b>		
£	5,582	NatWest Business Current Account	£	21,385
£	361,863	Claydens Funds	£	380,670
<b>£</b>	<b>367,444</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>402,055</b>

Account prepared by Hon Treasurer Mr G.Gooch and  
examined by Mr John Fitzgerald



# **Friends of St Edmunds (K&M) Tendring (FOSET)**

**Registered Charity No.1064018**

**Financial Year 2024**

## **Notes to Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2024**

The accompanying Income & Expenditure Sheet provides a snapshot of the FOSET Accounts at 31 December 2024.

The Accounts have been prepared using the 'Receipts and Payments' form of accounting as opposed to the 'Accruals' method.

FOSET's main areas of income and expenditure for the Financial Year are summarised below:

### **Income**

#### **Claydens Funds**

The portfolio is spread almost equally across three funds, CT Universal Map Growth, HSBC Global Strategy Dynamic and Liontrust Sustainable Futures.

Income from the funds increased by £18,807 (£380,670 less £361,863) or 5.2% over the period.

The original sum invested with Claydens in February 2017 was £270,048, so since then the investment has increased by £110,622 (£380,670 less £270,048) or 41%.

It should be noted that £24,000 was withdrawn from the Claydens Funds and transferred to the NatWest Current Account to pay for the installation of the new church organ. See below. The actual growth of Claydens Funds during the year was therefore £42,807 (£18,807 plus £24,000) or 11.8%.

#### **Donations**

The value of donations received from individuals amounted to £610.

#### **Gift Aid**

The charity received £194 Gift Aid from HM Revenue and Customs.

The total income for the period was £43,611.

### **Expenditure**

Following a request from the PCC in April, FOSET donated £2,000 towards the cost of repairing the church tower.

A further request was received in November for £24,000 to cover the cost of acquiring and installing a new church organ (£19,500 for the works and a contingency of £4,500 to cover any unexpected costs). At the end of the period £7,000 had been paid to the PCC with the balance to be paid as the works progress.

Total expenditure for the period was £9,000.

### **Summary**

Overall, during the period income exceeded expenditure by £34,611 (£43,611 less £9,000).

At 31 December, FOSET had total funds of £402,055 comprising of £380,670 invested in Claydens Funds and £21,385 held in a NatWest Current Account.

The accounts were prepared by the Hon Treasurer Mr. Glenn Gooch and examined by Mr. John Fitzgerald.

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# THE FRIENDS OF ST. EDMUND (K & M), TENDRING

## Annual General Meeting

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Held in the village hall.

The membership of the Friends now stands at thirty, with Sarah and Johnny Gough joining during the year; welcome to you both.

It has been good to see Friends actively involved in maintaining the church. The doors and gates have been decorated by new member, John Parry while he and Neil Beadle have each taken on cutting areas of grass and Peter Burchell now cleans the brass work. Others are involved with administering the Friends.

Marilyn organised our first event for several years with her 'Cheese & Wine' evening in August. Apart from being a fund raising activity its purpose was to make more people aware of FOSET's existence. Here it didn't succeed too well because only the regular members attended. In future, it would more justify her efforts, if we invited potential new members to join us for the evening.

The PCC had its Quinquennial Inspection during 2023 which brought to light several defects. These are being tackled, mainly in house, but when particular skills are necessary, big expenses are involved. The 1876 tower needed re-pointing by a steeplejack to which the Friends contributed £2,000 towards the £8,000 cost. The spire will need similar work in 2024, for which a quotation is pending. The Friends had earlier contributed £500 towards the c.£7,000 cost of installing chancel under pew heating. This revealed rotten support timbers which involved pew removal for repair. The friends also gave £2,000 towards the first phase of quinquennial work and another £2,000 has been approved for the 2024 phase.

Dentistry repair to external stonework may be necessary on the south aisle buttresses.

The fabric of the building is fundamentally in very good condition but regular, preventative maintenance is necessary. It was Reg. Barton's foresight, in this direction, that drove him to establish The Friends and for whom he removed most of its financial worries, for now.

For those not involved on committees I would say that the parish now has a second priest in charge, John Saxon, who has time to be involved with St Edmund and the immediate parishes. However, with very few members on the PCC it is only possible to conduct one Sunday service each month and which is arranged by Anne Cosby.

The current area that is being used for burials, on the south side of the church, is nearly complete and a faculty has been granted, in anticipation of this, for burials to continue on the north side of the church. This will start at the east end to avoid complications with underground services and drainage.

I reported last year on the interesting discoveries I had made while researching the building but involvement with the quinquennial work has prevented me from progressing this and, more importantly, recording it.

Finally, at the last two AGMs I said that I would step down as chairman of the Friends but so far have not, so, unless a new chairman is elected at this AGM, I would like to indelibly confirm this intention and so will not be standing for re-election as chairman in 2025. I will remain with the Friends in some capacity and pursue my interest in the building.

It has been my aim to ensure that our Objects, as laid out in the Constitution, are adhered to and that a broad spectrum of people can be encouraged to appreciate all aspects of the building and its antiquity and become involved in ensuring that it survives well into the future.

David F Grayston.

Chairman 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

The Friends of St Edmund (K&M) Tendring (FOSET)

Registered Charity No.1064018

Financial Year 2023

Income and Expenditure at 31 December 2023

2022			2023	
£	<b>379,705</b>	<b>Opening Balance of Funds</b>	£	<b>331,124</b>
		<b>Income</b>		
-£	<b>48,781</b>	Clayens Funds	£	37,145
£	700	Donations/Subscriptions	£	775
£	-	Reclaimed Gift Aid Tax	£	452
-£	<b>48,081</b>		£	<b>38,371</b>
		<b>Expenditure</b>		
£	500	Buildings, maintenance, misc	£	2,051
£	<b>500</b>		£	<b>2,051</b>
-£	<b>48,581</b>	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£	<b>36,320</b>
£	<b>331,124</b>	<b>Closing Balance of Funds</b>	£	<b>367,444</b>
		Represented by		
£	6,406	NatWest Business Current Account	£	5,582
£	324,718	Claydens Funds	£	361,863
£	<b>331,124</b>		£	<b>367,444</b>

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**The Friends of St Edmund (K&M) Tendring (The Charity)**

**Charity No.1064018**

**Financial Year 2023**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Charity**

The Examiner reports on the accounts of the Charity for the financial year ending **31 December 2023** as set out in the attached.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner.**

The Trustees consider that an audit of the accounts is not required for this financial year under section 144(2) of the Charity's Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but instead that an independent examination is needed. The Examiner named below has been appointed by the Trustees to undertake the Examination.

It is the Examiner's responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
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**Basis of the Examiner's Statement.**

The examination of the accounts has been carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by The Charity Commission. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently the Examiner does not express an opinion on the accounts.

**Examiner's Statement.**

In connection with the examination no matter has come to the Examiner's attention:

1. Which gives the Examiner reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. To which, in the Examiner's opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name (The Examiner)	JOHN FITZGERALD
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Date	2.1.24
Signature	