

ST GILES CHURCH LANDS CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1086383

Details

Other names	CORPORATION OF CHURCHWARDENS OF ST GILES IN READING
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2001-04-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE REPARATIONS OF THE SAID CHURCH OF SAINT GILES IN READING, THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BELLS AND SEATS THERE, AND THE SURPLUS TOWARDS THE RELIEF OF THE POOR OF THE SAID PARISH.

Activities: The main purpose of the charity is the maintenance of the fabric of St Giles Church in Reading, and also the maintenance of certain other buildings in the vicinity.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE SAID CHURCH OF SAINT GILES IN READING.
- Reading

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£60,429	£30,665	-	-
2023-12-31	£62,699	£32,080	-	-
2022-12-31	£62,587	£25,457	-	-
2021-12-31	£57,289	£21,522	-	-
2020-12-31	£59,752	£20,307	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SUSAN ELIZABETH MOTT	Chair	2016-05-18
Eapen Varghese		2025-06-04

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Accounts

The Parish of Saint Giles-in-Reading

Report of the Churchwardens to the Annual Parochial Meeting 18th May 2025 On the year ending 31st December 2024

The current churchwardens would like to thank all who give so freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of the church.

Repairs to and care of the Church. The usual round of routine maintenance has been completed. The heating system has worked well through the winter. Annual testing and servicing required on the lightning conductor, Clock, Fire Extinguishers, Emergency Lighting and Heating System have all be completed. The five yearly inspection of the electrics in church took place in 2024 with very little remedial action required. Regular cleaning sessions attended by any who can join in are run once more and it is a good way to meet others who we might not normally have a chance to work with, it also helps with learning a bit more about the building and what is needed to keep it in good order.

Sidesmen. The office of sidesman is an ancient one, yet is still very important today. Every person who comes into church on Sunday morning needs to be greeted and made to feel welcome. A new cohort of sidesmen were elected by the PCC but we still need more people to help with this vital function. Please do consider offering to become a sidesman; training in the role will be given.

Mission. We continue to broadcast our main services live, on-line, and this enables some of our regular worshipers to feel part of the congregation either by participating via video or joining by phone. Daily Compline, on-line, allows others who do not come to our church to join with the parish family in prayer. The regular study groups continue to run throughout the year. The ringing of the church bells has allows to mark national and local events and act as a call to worship on Sunday. We are grateful for the efforts of the ringers year-round. Work in supporting CIRDIC has continued as normal.

It was a particular joy to welcome the Bishop of Oswestry to celebrate and preach in Advent. It is our great pleasure to welcome Fr Stephen Cousins to join the ministry team as he now holds PTO. Of special note is the work carried out by Mr Haynes, in the church yard. A weekly inspection and litter clearing helps keep this green space in good order. Also his listing of the names on the gravestones, who are then prayed for each week in our Sunday Intercessions is profoundly moving.

Finances. THE ST GILES CHURCH LANDS CHARITY, registered charity number 1086383. A copy of audited accounts is presented. Considerable time has been expended with regard to ensuring that leases on some of the properties are being adhered to.

S. E. Mott.
Churchwarden

S. G. Gooding
Churchwarden

St Giles Church Lands Charity

Registered Charity No 1086383

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December 2024

2023 £ -----		2024 £ -----		2023 £ -----		2024 £ -----
	<u>Receipts</u>				<u>Payments</u>	
41,166	Rental Income	38,596.20		446	Church Heating	1,755.13
21,533	Dividends and Interest	21,832.91		2,692	Church Electrics	6,257.56
0	Miscellaneous			14,004	Church Fabric, other	1,185.84
				11,695	Insurance	12,076.27
				1,635	Property Expenses	6,717.60
				1,101	Rates	1,075.85
-	Excess of Payments over Receipts	-		507	Miscellaneous Expenditure	635.41
				30,619	Excess of Receipts over Payments	30,725.45
£ 62,699		£ 60,429.11		£ 62,699		£ 60,429.11
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Examiner's Certificate

I have examined the Books of Account of the St Giles Church Lands Charity together with the Receipts and Vouchers for the year ended 31 December 2024. In my opinion the attached Receipts and Payments Account, showing a surplus for the year of £30,725.45 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities give a true and fair representation of the financial state of the Charity's funds as at 31 December 2024.

**Graham Shaw
Donovan Tax and Accounting
Independent Examiners**

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The Parish of Saint Giles-in-Reading

Report of the Churchwardens to the Annual Parochial Meeting 19th May 2024 On the year ending 31st December 2023

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Repairs to and care of the Church. The usual round of routine maintenance has been completed. The heating system has worked well through the winter. Annual testing and servicing required on the lightning conductor, Clock, Fire Extinguishers, Emergency Lighting and Heating System have all be completed. The five yearly inspection of the electrics in church will take place in 2024. Following the Quinquennial Inspection of 2022 all items marked as requiring urgent attention have been completed. Regular cleaning sessions attended by any who can join in are run once more and it is a good way to meet others who we might not normally have a chance to chat with, it also helps with learning a bit more about the building and what is needed to keep it in good order.

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Mission. We continue to broadcast our main services live, on-line, and this enables some our regular worshippers to keep together as a congregation either by participating via video or joining in by phone. Daily Compline, on-line, allows others who do not come to our church to join with the parish family in prayer. The return of study groups to the church has been a welcome event. The year saw the coronation of King Charles III and the congregation were able to mark the event with a small gathering to celebrate. The ringing of the church bells has allowed to mark the coronation and act as a call to worship on Sunday. We are grateful for the efforts of the ringers year-round. Work in supporting CIRDIC has continued as normal.

It was a particular joy to welcome the Bishop of Oswestry and many other friends and visitors to the church for the Ordination in June of Fr Sebastian and to share the celebration as he offered his First Mass. Bishop Paul returned to S Giles to confirm our candidates as we celebrated our Feast of Title in September. In May we were finally able to unveil and consecrate the memorial to Fr Michael Melrose which is situated in the Lady Chapel, many friends from past and present were able to join us that day.

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S. E. Mott
Churchwarden

S. G. Gooding
Churchwarden

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December 2023

2022 £ -----		2023 £ -----		2022 £ -----		2023 £ -----
	<u>Receipts</u>				<u>Payments</u>	
40,638	Rental Income	41,166.20		679	Church Heating	445.4
21,449	Dividends and Interest	21,532.51		0	Church Electrics	2,692.4
500	Miscellaneous	0.00		10,187	Church Fabric, other	14,004.2
				10,381	Insurance	11,694.0
				2,910	Property Expenses	1,635.6
				1,101	Rates	1,100.8
-	Excess of Payments over Receipts	-		198	Miscellaneous Expenditure	507.2
				37,130	Excess of Receipts over Payments	30,618.8
£ 62,587		£ 62,698.71		£ 62,587		£ 62,698.7
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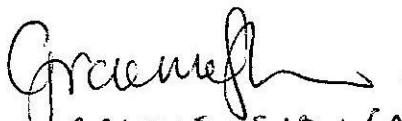
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Examiner's Certificate

I have examined the Books of Account of the St Giles Church Lands Charity together with the Receipts and Vouchers for the year ended 31 December 2023. In my opinion the attached Receipts and Payments Account, showing a surplus for the year of £30,618.86 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities give a true and fair representation of the financial state of the Charity's funds as at 31 December 2023.

Donovan Tax and Accounts
Independent Examiners

28th April 2024


GRAEME SHAW (ATT)

ST GILES CHURCH LANDS CHARITY

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The Parish of Saint Giles-in-Reading

Report of the Churchwardens to the Annual Parochial Meeting 30th April 2023 On the year ending 31st December 2022

The current churchwardens would like to thank all who give so freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of the church. The last year has been a challenge as the restrictions of the Covid pandemic were lifted.

Repairs to and care of the Church. The usual round of routine maintenance has been completed. The heating system has worked well through the winter. Further work was required on the lightning conductor which is now fully certificated once more. Problems with some of the lights at high level in church was addressed in December when many bulbs were replaced with LEDs. During the year the Quinquennial Inspection of the church was undertaken and the report has now been received. The church building has been well maintained and a schedule for works to be undertaken is being put in place.

Sidesmen. The office of sidesman is an ancient one, yet is still very important today. Every new person who comes into church on Sunday morning needs to be greeted and made to feel welcome. During this time of Covid pandemic the role of sidesman has been undertaken by stewards who have felt able to oversee entry to church for the Parish Mass and some weekday services. A new cohort of sidesmen were elected by the PCC but we still need more people to help with this vital function. Please do consider offering to become a sidesman; training in the role will be given.

Mission. The pandemic has given us the chance to broadcast our main services live, on-line and this has enabled many of our regular worshippers to keep together as a congregation either by participating via video or joining in by phone. As the church was able to open up again more fully we have been able to welcome visitors once more and we were able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with our more usual solemnity and grace. We still need to reach out to those who have felt unable to return to church but we are also now able to welcome new members to the congregation too. The parish drew together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a splendid Tea Party with over 100 people attended the event. It was with the greatest sadness that we marked the passing of Her Majesty in September; the church was open for those who wished to come in to sit and pray or light a candle in her memory. The ringing of the church bells has allowed to mark the jubilee and the passing of the late Queen and act as a call to worship on Sunday. We are grateful for the efforts of the ringers year-round. Work in supporting CIRDIC has continued as normal.

Finances. THE ST GILES CHURCH LANDS CHARITY, registered charity number 1086383.

A copy of audited accounts is presented. Some of the work required by the findings of the QI will be funded by the Church Lands Charity in accordance with its charter.

S. E. Mott
Churchwarden

S. G. Gooding
Churchwarden

St Giles Church Lands Charity

Registered Charity No 1086383

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December 2022

2021	2022	2021	2022
£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>			
35,544	40,638.00	2,161	679.22
20,900	21,449.50	0	0.00
845	500.00	7,559	10,187.47
		9,294	10,380.74
		0	2,910.60
		1,101	1,100.80
-	-	1,407	198.48
		35,767	37,130.19
£ 57,289	£ 62,587.50	£ 57,289	£ 62,587.50

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**S.L. Mott
Churchwarden**

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I have examined the Books of Account of the St Giles Church Lands Charity together with the Receipts and Vouchers for the year ended 31 December 2022. In my opinion the attached Receipts and Payments Account, showing a surplus for the year of £37,130.19 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities give a true and fair representation of the financial state of the Charity's funds as at 31 December 2022.

**I. Donovan
Independent Examiner**

30th April 2023

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The Parish of Saint Giles-in-Reading

Report of the Churchwardens to the Annual Parochial Meeting 8th May 2022

The current churchwardens would like to thank all who give so freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of the church. The last year has been a challenge due to the continuation of the Covid pandemic affecting society in so many ways.

Repairs to and care of the Church. Due to the continuation of the Covid-19 viral pandemic little new work has been undertaken in church in 2021 but the usual round of routine maintenance has been completed. The heating system has worked well through a rather mild winter. Work is required on the lightning conductor which is scheduled for January 2022

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Mission. The Church has not been able to be open to casual visitors in 2021 and this is a great sorrow. However, the pandemic has given us the chance to broadcast our main services live, on-line and this has enabled many of our regular worshipers to keep together as a congregation either by participating via video or joining in by phone. The daily offices have also been broadcast on-line and it is wonderful to report that new people have found us through our on-line presence. We did manage to arrange for people to be in church for Holy Week and Easter Day with reduced numbers. Later in the year the move towards more people being admitted to services in church was a welcome step forward to a more normal environment. The ringing of the church bells has continued as national guidelines have allowed and we thank our dedicated group of church bellringers for their welcome efforts during this time. Work in supporting CIRDIC at this time has continued as normal.

Finances. THE ST GILES CHURCH LANDS CHARITY, registered charity number 1086383. A copy of audited accounts is presented. In common with many others some of our tenants have been unable to undertake business activities during the whole of 2021 but rental income has been received on a regular basis from the majority of our tenanted properties.

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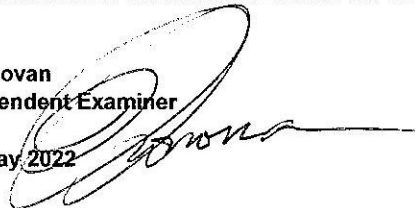
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In my opinion the attached Receipts and Payments Account, showing a surplus for the year of £35,767.12 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities give a true and fair representation of the financial state of the Charity's funds as at 31 December 2021.

**I. Donovan
Independent Examiner**

8th May 2022

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The Parish of Saint Giles-in-Reading

Report of the Churchwardens to the Annual Parochial Meeting 27th June 2021

Due to Covid -19 Pandemic restrictions not being lifted in June, the meeting was re-scheduled for 3rd July 2021 and will be held on-line.

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S. E. Mott
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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December 2020

2019 £ -----		2020 £ -----	2019 £ -----		2020 £ -----
	<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Payments</u>	
39,338	Rental Income	34,259.00	50,322	Church Heating	2,000.00
20,086	Dividends and Interest	20,493.03	6,252	Church Electrics	0.00
52	Miscellaneous	5,000.00	8,436	Church Fabric, other	3,720.73
0	Quinquennial Inspection, VAT recovered	0.00	8,812	Insurance	9,074.08
			0	Property Expenses	0.00
			1,079	Rates	1,098.80
16,001	Excess of Payments over Receipts		576	Miscellaneous Expenditure	4,412.99
				Excess of Receipts over Payments	39,445.43
£ 75,477		£ 59,752.03	£ 75,477		£ 59,752.03
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together with the Receipts and Vouchers for the year ended 31 December 2020.

In my opinion the attached Receipts and Payments Account, showing a surplus for the year of £39,445.43 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities give a true and fair representation of the financial state of the Charity's funds as at 31 December 2020.

I. Donovan

Independent Examiner

27th June 2021

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