

# THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, STANDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1088516

## Details

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**Other names** FRIENDS OF STANDON CHURCH

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2001-09-20

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

## Contact

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**Address** 72-74 High Street  
Standon  
Ware  
SG11 1LB

**Phone** 01920822723

**Website** <http://www.fosm-standon.org.uk/>

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ASSIST IN THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, RESTORATION, PRESERVATION, IMPROVEMENT, BEAUTIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY'S STANDON, ITS MONUMENTS, FIXTURES, FITTINGS, FURNITURE, STAINED GLASS, ORNAMENTS AND OTHER CHATTELS AND ITS CHURCHYARD.

**Activities:** To assist including by raising funds in the conservation and development of the buildings, fixtures, fittings, contents and churchyard of St Mary's Church Standon. To assist in the maintenance of the churchyard and to encourage and support all that is done to add to the beauty and usefulness of the church. To meet these objects to raise funds by events and donations.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STANDON, HERTS.
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£25,203	£87,886	-	-
2024-12-31	£28,149	£18,307	-	-
2023-12-31	£68,130	£19,031	-	-
2022-12-31	£38,967	£22,981	-	-
2021-12-31	£38,967	£22,981	-	-
2020-12-31	£8,232	£2,852	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>David Joseph Goldstraw</b>	Chair	2023-11-02
A CAROLINE FRANKS		
ANN MARGARET BREARS		
Alison Cooley		2022-05-13
CAROLINE TARRY		
DIANA MARGARET DALE		2015-05-01
John Suttill Edwards		2024-04-25
Richard Benjamin Millward		2025-05-16
STEPHANIE ANN STIRLING		2012-09-04

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# Accounts

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**Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon**

**Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31st December 2025**

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**Bankers**

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**Independent Examiner**

Jane Fowke

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31st December 2025

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Six of the trustees are appointed by Standon Parochial Church Council, and six are elected at the annual meeting. The chairman must be a publically elected trustee.

### **Review of Activities**

In 2025, once again, our fundraising activities were succesful.

In January we held our annual, very successful quiz night in the Community Centre, raising £1,145. At Mayday, we offered teas in the Village Hall, and also sold plants, and promoted Open Gardens. Mayday raised £1,616 and Open Gardens in June raised £8,497.

Our Christmas Fair was, once again, very successful, raising £866. The hundred club continues to contribute significantly to our fundraising efforts.

We held a Safari Supper in the summer, and a candlelit supper in church in September, raising £938 and £1,008 respectively. We raised £1,072 from providing interval refreshments at two combined choirs concerts in church.

We are grateful to Pat, who administers the hundred club, and to all who help with our events or support them.

In planning our activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

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This report was approved by the trustees on **25th March 2026** and signed on their behalf by:

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Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
 Receipts and Payments Account  
 for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted	2024
		£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations including gift aid tax	5	886	3,201
Income from fundraising activities	4	18,531	19,020
Bank interest		5,786	5,928
		25,203	28,149
<b>Payments</b>			
Costs of generating funds	4	2,259	2,279
Management and administration		627	391
Grants made	2	85,000	15,637
		87,886	18,307
Net receipts		(62,683)	9,842
Funds at 1st January		172,244	162,402
Funds at 31st December		109,561	172,244

**Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
 as at 31st December 2025**

	2025	2024 £
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Held at bank	109,561	172,244
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Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	108	666

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Lunchtime concerts			0	523
Christmas fair	866		866	1,075
Mayday teas, salads & plants	1,692	76	1,616	1,664
Quiz night	1,505	360	1,145	1,544
Open Gardens	8,975	478	8,497	9,219
Candlelit supper in church	1,221	213	1,008	0
Safari supper	938		938	0
Lordship talk & tea			0	775
Sale of cards			0	35
Concert refreshments	1,234	162	1,072	510
Other income			0	51
2025 Quiz Night			0	115
	18,531	2,259	16,272	16,741

**5 Donations**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	
Donations received	216	2,110
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## **Independent Examiner's report to the trustees and members of the Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon.**

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 as set out on pages 3 to 5, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 5.

### **Respective responsibilities of the charity trustees and the independent examiner**

The charity trustees, who are the committee members, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison 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 an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Jane Fowke  
Cleveland  
36 High Street

Standon, Herts SG11 1LA

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Mr J Edwards	(from 25.04.24)
Mr D Goldstraw	
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Jane Fowke

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Diana Dale stood down as Chairman at the AGM. In early 2025, David Goldstraw has taken on the rol

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In January we held our annual, very successful quiz night in the Community Centre, raising £1,544.

This year, we discontinued the Mayday salad stall, in the light of increased competition from commercial food outlets. We offered teas, as usual, and also sold home made sweets as well as plants, and promoted Open Gardens. Mayday raised £1,664 and Open Gardens in June raised £9,21. Our lunchtime concert series in October was less well attended than in previous years, raising £523. We have decided to discontinue this event for now. The Advent coffee morning, rebranded as a Christmas Fair was, once again, very successful, raising £1,075. The hundred club continues to contribute significantly to our fundraising efforts.

We held another successful tea and talk at Standon Lordship, raising £775, and provided refreshmen at the combined choirs Christmas concert in church.

We are grateful to Pat, who has taken over from Gill the administration of the hundred club, and to Lord and Lady Trenchard, for hosting the tea at the Lordship, as well as all who help with our events or support them.

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The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Report of the Trustees

David Goldstraw (Chairman)

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Report of the Trustees

For the year ending 31st December 2022

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Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	2024 Unrestricted	2023
		£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations including gift aid tax	5	3,201	44,572
Income from fundraising activities	4	19,020	20,962
Bank interest		5,928	2,596
		<u>28,149</u>	<u>68,130</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Costs of generating funds	4	2,279	2,642
Management and administration		391	430
Grants made	2	15,637	15,959
		<u>18,307</u>	<u>19,031</u>
Net receipts		9,842	49,099
Funds at 1st January		162,402	113,303
Funds at 31st December		<u>172,244</u>	<u>162,402</u>

**Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon**

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	2024	2023
		£
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Notes to the Financial Statements

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**2 Grants paid**

During the year, grants were made to Standon PCC totalling £15,637. Of this, £5,822 was for the tower project, £3,474 to bond the lightening rod and install surge protection and £6,341 for work on the drainage systems.

**3 Employees**

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Fundraising activities	<i>Received</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>2023</i>
Hundred club	2,100	870	1,230	1,150
Lunchtime concerts	682	159	523	1,526
Christmas fair	1,125	50	1,075	1,367
Mayday teas, salads & plants	1,740	76	1,664	1,878
Quiz night	2,032	488	1,544	1,406
Open Gardens	9,649	430	9,219	8,627
Levantine cookery evening			0	1,000
Safari supper			0	982
Lordship talk & tea	775		775	0
Sale of cards	35		35	138
Christmas concert refreshments	591	81	510	455
Other income	51		51	
2025 Quiz Night	240	125	115	
	19,020	2,279	16,741	18,529

**5 Donations**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	
Donations received	2,110	9,352
Legacy received		32,084
Gift Aid tax received 2024	1,091	3,136
	3,201	44,572

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Our lunchtime concert series in October was well received, and raised £1,526. The Advent coffee morning and sale was, once again, very successful, raising £1,367. The hundred club continues to contribute significantly to our fundraising efforts.

A fund-raising effort was launched in late 2020 to raise the sums necessary to refurbish the two Sadk tombs in the church, and the project was finished early in 2023. The remaining funds raised have been transferred to the PCC, including a contingency fund for future cleaning.

In 2023, we hosted a demonstration of Levantine cookery and enjoyed eating the results, raising £1,000 from the event. We also held our 2-yearly Safari Supper, raising £982, and provided refreshments at the combined choirs Christmas concert in church.

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Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Restricted	2022
		£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations including gift aid tax	5	37,668	6,904	15,410
Income from fundraising activities	4	20,962		20,343
Bank interest		2,596		912
		<u>61,226</u>	<u>6,904</u>	<u>36,665</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Costs of generating funds	4	2,433	209	2,480
Management and administration		430		348
Grants made	2	9,264	6,695	7,042
		<u>12,127</u>	<u>6,904</u>	<u>9,870</u>
Net receipts		49,099	0	26,795
Funds at 1st January		113,303		86,508
Funds at 31st December		<u>162,402</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>113,303</u>

**Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31st December 2023**

	2023	2022 £
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Held at bank	<u>162,402</u>	<u>113,303</u>
<b>Other assets and liabilities</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	<u>1,090</u>	<u>3,136</u>

Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31st December 2023

**1 Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

**2 Grants paid**

During the year, grants were made to Standon PCC totalling £8,916 for the restoration of the Sadleir tombs, £3,598 for a survey of the tower and £3,445 for work on the drainage systems.

**3 Employees**

The charity has no employees.

No amounts were paid or are payable to any trustee or to any person connected to them. Expenses incurred by trustees are reimbursed.

**4 Fundraising Activities**

These results reflect cash movements only.

Fundraising activities	<i>Received</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>2022</i>
Hundred club	2,020	870	1,150	1,070
Lunchtime concerts	1,671	145	1,526	1,219
Advent coffee morning & sale	1,367		1,367	1,424
Mayday teas, salads & plants	1,994	116	1,878	1,215
Quiz night	1,848	442	1,406	818
Open Gardens	9,184	557	8,627	9,059
Levantine cookery evening	1,222	222	1,000	
Safari supper	982		982	0
Lordship talk & tea			0	935
Flower festival				1,609
Sale of cards	138		138	182
Christmas concert refreshments	536	81	455	332
	20,962	2,433	18,529	17,863

**5 Donations**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
Donations received	2,525	6,827
Legacy received	32,084	
Gift Aid tax received 2023	3,059	77
	37,668	6,904

Gift aid tax for 2023, to be received in 2024, amounts to £1,090.  
This includes £309 relating to the tombs.

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, STANDON**

England & Wales - Charity number 1088516

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# Accounts

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**Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon**

**Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31st December 2022**

**Registered Charity Number 1088516**

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022  
Legal and Administrative Details

**Address for correspondence**

74 High Street  
Standon  
Hertfordshire  
SG11 1LB

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**Trustees and Committee Members**

Mrs D M Dale	Chairman
Mrs A C Franks	Treasurer
Ms C F Tarry	Secretary
Mrs S Beeston	
Mr M F Baker	
Mrs L A Brand	
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Rev J Chitham	
Ms Alison Cooley	from 25.05.22
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Mrs M Stone	

**Bankers**

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**Independent Examiner**

Ralph Axford FCG

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The charity fulfils these objects by raising funds to support works commissioned by the PCC. Details of projects funded during the year can be found in the notes to the accounts.

### **Government**

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Six of the trustees are appointed by Standon Parochial Church Council, and six are elected at the annual meeting. The chairman must be a publically elected trustee.

### **Review of Activities**

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Afternoon tea and talk on life in Jordan, held at the Lordship, was very successful, raising £935.

We offered teas and salads at Mayday, as usual, and our Open Gardens event in June raised over £9,000.

A new event, a flower festival, encouraged many to visit the church, and those who arranged the displays represented a wide cross-section of the community. We hope to repeat the event at a later date. Our lunchtime concert series in October was well received, and the Advent coffee morning and sale was, once again, very successful. The hundred club continues to contribute significantly to our fundraising efforts.

A fund-raising effort was launched in late 2020 to raise the sums necessary to refurbish the two Sadleir tombs in the church, and a further £5,155 was raised for this purpose. £6,321 has been transferred to the PCC and the balance of the restricted fundraising was completed in early 2023.

In addition, we raised a net unrestricted sum of £17,863 from fundraising activities in 2022.

We are grateful to Gill, who looks after the hundred club, and to Marion, who masterminded the flower festival, as well as all who help with our events or support them.

In planning our activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

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We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 18th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Diana Dale (Chairman)

Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
 Receipts and Payments Account  
 for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	2022 Unrestricted	2022 Restricted	2021
		£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations including gift aid tax	5	10,255	5,155	21,042
Income from fundraising activities	4	20,343		17,892
Bank interest		912		33
		31,510	5,155	38,967
<b>Payments</b>				
Costs of generating funds	4	2,480		1,756
Management and administration		348		335
Grants made	2	721	6,321	20,890
		3,549	6,321	22,981
Net receipts		27,961	(1,166)	15,986
Funds at 1st January		85,342	1,166	70,522
Funds at 31st December		113,303	0	86,508

<b>Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon</b>		
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>		
<b>as at 31st December 2022</b>		
	2022	2021
		£
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Held at bank	113,303	86,507
<b>Other assets and liabilities</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	3,136	2,915

Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
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Fundraising activities	<i>Received</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>2020</i>
Hundred club	1,940	870	1,070	1,170
Lunchtime concerts	1,721	170	1,551	1,166
Advent coffee morning & sale	1,424		1,424	1,190
Mayday teas & vegetarian food	1,326	111	1,215	0
Quiz night	1,188	370	818	0
AGM talk	28	28	0	38
Open Gardens	9,518	459	9,059	11,397
Flower festival	1,858	249	1,609	0
Safari supper			0	1,065
Lordship talk & tea	935		935	0
Sale of cards	405	223	182	100
Sale of CD			0	10
	<u>20,343</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>17,863</u>	<u>16,136</u>

**5 Donations**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
Donations received	10,155	2,575
Gift Aid tax received 2022	100	2,580
	<u>10,255</u>	<u>5,155</u>

Gift aid tax for 2021, to be received in 2022, amounts to £3,136.

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# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, STANDON.**

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 as set out on pages 3 to 5, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 5.

## **Respective responsibilities of the charity trustees and the independent examiner**

The charity's trustees, who are the committee members, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes 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 an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

3 April 2023

Ralph Axford FCG  
Holly House, 38 Folly Road,  
Mildenhall,  
Bury St Edmunds  
Suffolk, IP28 7BY

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, STANDON**

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### **Review of Activities**

In 2021, as in 2020, the national Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdowns made our activities very difficult. Restrictions were lifted in time for our Open Gardens event, postponed to 2021. People were glad to come to an outdoor (therefore relatively 'safe') event and our local community did a wonderful job of welcoming them. Lunches and teas were served in a Covid compliant way and we raised a record amount. The plants sale team was able to mount sales in March and April and significant sums at events which have become 'looked for' points in the gardening year. A supper, also outdoors, was well supported and by the autumn we were able to hold our usual concerts in the church, and we added an Advent coffee morning and sale to our calendar. This was very successful, and we will add it to our list of regular events. Once more, some of our donors chose to divert their donations to more urgent needs this year, and general donations were significantly lower than usual. A fund-raising effort was launched in late 2020 to raise the sums necessary to clean and refurbish the two Sadleir tombs in the church, and more than £20,000 for that project has been set aside in a restricted fund. £20,229 was received in 2021 for that project plus gift aid tax of £335 from previous years' donations. £20,890 has been granted to the church for the refurbishment. The balance on that fund at the end of December was £1,162.

In addition, we raised a net unrestricted sum of £16,136 from fundraising activities in 2021.

In planning our activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

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This report was approved by the trustees on 31st March 2022 and signed on their behalf

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31st December 2021

Diana Dale (Chairman)

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Report of the Trustees  
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Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
 Receipts and Payments Account  
 for the year ended 31st December 2021

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021 Unrestricted</b>	<b>2021 Restricted</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations including gift aid tax	5	478	20,564
Income from fundraising activities	4	17,892	
Bank interest		33	
		<u>18,403</u>	<u>20,564</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Costs of generating funds	4	1,756	
Management and administration		335	
Grants made	2		20,890
		<u>2,091</u>	<u>20,890</u>
Net receipts		16,312	(326)
Funds at 1st January		69,029	1,492
Funds at 31st December		<u>85,341</u>	<u>1,166</u>

**Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**as at 31st December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>	
Held at bank	<u>86,508</u>
<b>Other assets and liabilities</b>	
<b>Assets</b>	
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	<u>2,915</u>

Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31st December 2021

**2020**

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**2020**

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Lunchtime concerts	1,401	235	1,166
Advent coffee morning & sale	1,250	60	1,190
Mayday vegetarian food			0
Sale of Joy's cards			0
Quiz night			0
AGM talk	60	22	38
Organ talk			0
Open Gardens	11,876	479	11,397
Six on Sax concert			0
Safari supper	1,155	90	1,065
Wine tasting			0
Arabic Evening (cancelled)			0
Sale of cards	100		100
Sale of CD	10		10
Film evening (cancelled)			0
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**Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31st December 2021**

**Registered Charity Number 1088516**

**Address for correspondence**

74 High Street  
Standon  
Hertfordshire  
SG11 1LB

**Legal Status**

The charity, whose full name is The Society of The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1088516. It was formed as an unincorporated association under a constitution adopted on 20 November 2000 and amended on 22 July 2001.

**Trustees and Committee Members**

Mrs D M Dale	Chairman
Mrs A C Franks	Treasurer
Ms C F Tarry	Secretary
Mrs S Beeston	
Mr M F Baker	
Mrs L A Brand	
Mrs A Brears	
Rev J Chitham	
Mrs S Crook	
Mr C League	
Ms J M Spelman	until 30.07.21
Mrs M Stone	

**Bankers**

National Westminster Bank plc  
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund

**Independent Examiner**

Ralph Axford FCG

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The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31st December 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their report and accounts for the year to 31st Dec

### **Objects of the charity**

The objects of the charity are to assist, including by raising funds, in the conservation and development of the church buildings, fixtures, fittings, contents and churchyard of St Mary's church, Standon; to assist in the maintenance of the churchyard and to encourage and support all that is done to add to the beauty and usefulness of the church.

The charity fulfils these objects by raising funds to support works commissioned by the church. Details of projects funded during the year can be found in the notes to the accounts.

### **Government**

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees, who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Friends.

Six of the trustees are appointed by Standon Parochial Church Council, and six are elected at the annual meeting. The chairman must be a publically elected trustee.

### **Review of Activities**

In 2021, as in 2020, the national Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdowns made our activities very difficult. Restrictions were lifted in time for our Open Gardens event, postponed to 2021. People were glad to come to an outdoor (therefore relatively 'safe') event and our local community did a wonderful job of welcoming them. Lunches and teas were served in a Covid compliant way and we raised a record amount. The plants sale team was able to mount sales in March and April and significant sums at events which have become 'looked for' points in the gardening year. A garden supper, also outdoors, was well supported and by the autumn we were able to hold our usual concerts in the church, and we added an Advent coffee morning and sale to our calendar. This was very successful, and we will add it to our list of regular events. Once more, some of our donors chose to divert their donations to more urgent needs this year, and general donations were significantly lower than usual. A fund-raising effort was launched in late 2020 to raise the sums necessary to clean and refurbish the two Sadleir tombs in the church, and more than £20,000 for that project has been set aside in a restricted fund. £20,229 was received in 2021 for that project plus gift aid tax of £335 from previous years' donations. £20,890 has been granted to the church for the refurbishment. The balance on that fund at the end of December was £1,162.

In addition, we raised a net unrestricted sum of £16,136 from fundraising activities in 2021.

In planning our activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year and to record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable us to ensure that our financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 31st March 2022 and signed on their behalf

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31st December 2021

Diana Dale (Chairman)

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Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
 Receipts and Payments Account  
 for the year ended 31st December 2021

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021 Unrestricted</b>	<b>2021 Restricted</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations including gift aid tax	5	478	20,564
Income from fundraising activities	4	17,892	
Bank interest		33	
		<u>18,403</u>	<u>20,564</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Costs of generating funds	4	1,756	
Management and administration		335	
Grants made	2		20,890
		<u>2,091</u>	<u>20,890</u>
Net receipts		16,312	(326)
Funds at 1st January		69,029	1,492
Funds at 31st December		<u>85,341</u>	<u>1,166</u>

**Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**as at 31st December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>	
Held at bank	<u>86,508</u>
<b>Other assets and liabilities</b>	
<b>Assets</b>	
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	<u>2,915</u>

Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31st December 2021

**2020**

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Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31st December 2021

**1 Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a state of assets and liabilities.

**2 Grants paid**

During the year, grants were made to Standon PCC totalling £20,890 for the res of the Sadleir tombs.

**3 Employees**

The charity has no employees.

No amounts were paid or are payable to any trustee or to any person connected Expenses incurred by trustees are reimbursed.

**4 Fundraising Activities**

These results reflect cash movements only.

Fundraising activities	<i>Received</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Net</i>
Hundred club	2,040	870	1,170
Lunchtime concerts	1,401	235	1,166
Advent coffee morning & sale	1,250	60	1,190
Mayday vegetarian food			0
Sale of Joy's cards			0
Quiz night			0
AGM talk	60	22	38
Organ talk			0
Open Gardens	11,876	479	11,397
Six on Sax concert			0
Safari supper	1,155	90	1,065
Wine tasting			0
Arabic Evening (cancelled)			0
Sale of cards	100		100
Sale of CD	10		10
Film evening (cancelled)			0
	<u>17,892</u>	<u>1,756</u>	<u>16,136</u>

**5 Donations**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
Donations received	403	20,229
Gift Aid tax received 2021	75	335
	<u>478</u>	<u>20,564</u>

Gift aid tax for 2021, to be received in 2022, amounts to £2,915.

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# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, STANDON.**

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 as set out on pages 3 to 5, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 5.

## **Respective responsibilities of the charity trustees and the independent examiner**

The charity's trustees, who are the committee members, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes 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 an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

24 March 2022

Ralph Axford FCG  
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