

Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon

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

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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	
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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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st December 2021

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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 life very difficult. Restrictions were lifted in time for our Open Gardens event, postponed to June. People were glad to come to an outdoor (therefore relatively 'safe') event and our local volunteers 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 regular 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

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Diana Dale (Chairman)

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted
		£	£
Receipts			
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>
Payments			
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>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st December 2021**

2021

Bank and cash balances

Held at bank 86,508

Other assets and liabilities

Assets

Gift aid tax recovery not yet received 2,915

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3 Employees

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No amounts were paid or are payable to any trustee or to any person connected
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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
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5 Donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted
Donations received	403	20,229
Gift Aid tax received 2021	75	335
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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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