

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

**Financial Statements**

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

**Registered Charity Number 1088516**

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Legal and Administrative Details

**Address for correspondence**

74 High Street  
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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	
Mrs A Brears	
Rev J Chitham	
Ms Alison Cooley	from 25.05.22
Mrs S Crook	
Mr C League	until 20.01.22
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  
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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

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2022 Unrestricted</b>	<b>2022 Restricted</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<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
		<u>31,510</u>	<u>5,155</u>	<u>38,967</u>
<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
		<u>3,549</u>	<u>6,321</u>	<u>22,981</u>
Net receipts		27,961	(1,166)	15,986
Funds at 1st January		85,342	1,166	70,522
Funds at 31st December		<u>113,303</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>86,508</u>

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

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31st December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>		
Held at bank	<u>113,303</u>	<u>86,507</u>
<b>Other assets and liabilities</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	<u>3,136</u>	<u>2,915</u>

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## 2 Grants paid

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## 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>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
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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  
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Mildenhall,  
Bury St Edmunds  
Suffolk, IP28 7BY