

Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024

Registered Charity Number 1088516

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Address for correspondence

74 High Street
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Legal Status

The charity, whose full name is The Society of The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon, is 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 (until 24.05.24)
Mrs A C Franks	Treasurer
Ms C F Tarry	Secretary
Mrs S Beeston	
Mrs L A Brand	(until 31.03.24)
Mrs A Brears	
Ms A Brookbanks	
Rev J Chitham	
Ms Alison Cooley	
Mrs S Crook	
Mr J Edwards	(from 25.04.24)
Mr D Goldstraw	
Mr R Millward	(from 24.05.24)

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund

Independent Examiner

Jane Fowke

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

The trustees are pleased to present their report and accounts for the year to 31st December 2024.

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 PCC. 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.

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

Review of Activities

In 2024, once again, our fundraising activities were succesful.

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 Christmnas 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.

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 which 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 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 23rd April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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

Account of the year ending 31st March 2022

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

	Note	2024 Unrestricted	2023
		£	£
Receipts			
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>
Payments			
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>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st December 2024**

	2024	2023 £
Bank and cash balances		
Held at bank	<u>172,244</u>	<u>162,402</u>
Other assets and liabilities		
Assets		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	<u>666</u>	<u>1,090</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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 £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

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>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	
	<u>19,020</u>	<u>2,279</u>	<u>16,741</u>	<u>18,529</u>

5 Donations

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

Gift aid tax for 2024, to be received in 2025, amounts to £666.