

Friends of St George's RC Church Taunton

Annual Report and Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Charity No: 1107992

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General Information for the year ended 31 March 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1107992

Registered Address: 22 Holway Avenue
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 3AR

Trustees:	D W Argile	
	P Tighe	Chairman
	Mr P Hanratty	
	Mr V Kearney	
	Mr A Gamble	

Independent Examiner: Mr R Zelazik BA(Hons)
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The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed.

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Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis and in accordance with the statutory requirements, the Charity's Trust Deed and the Charities Act 2011.

Aims, Objectives and Public Benefit

The objects of the Charity are the preservation, repair, restoration, maintenance and improvement (either by means of alteration or by means of addition for the public benefit) of the fabric of St George's RC Church, Taunton, the old pre-school nursery, the old school, the rectory and parish centre and the contents, major fittings and ornaments, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the organ chimes, statues, monuments, brasses, vestments and grounds and ancillary charitable purposes.

The Friends of St Georges RC Church – Taunton has as its main aim and purpose the raising of funds to support the parish priest in his work, and the Roman Catholic and wider community of Taunton by maintaining and improving St Georges Church, the old pre-school nursery, the old school, the rectory, parish centre and grounds.

The trustees in considering these aims and purposes have considered the Commission's guidance on Public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Achievements and Performance

The Victorian Church as a Grade II* listed building is important as the main centre of Roman Catholic worship in Taunton and surrounding area, as well as being part of the cultural and historic heritage of the town.

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Achievements and Performance (Continued)

As well as being a place of worship for the Roman Catholic community, the church hosts ecumenical events from time to time; and is used as a venue for concerts. The church is kept open almost all day every day for private worship or for any member of the public for private prayer or just as a place for quiet, intimate and peaceful reflection.

In addition to use by the parish, the parish centre and ancillary buildings are available for hire and are used by many local organisations, not linked to the church, including The Women's Institute, the NHS and various clubs.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 1993 requires the Trustees to prepare a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Review of the Year

Friends of St George's Trust was started in 2005 as a charity for the preservation, repair, restoration maintenance and improvement of the fabric of St George's Church and associated property. Since then, through the generosity of parishioners, the trustees have raised funds to install the window at the north end of the church, the cleaning and repair of the stained glass window above the altar and fund many other repairs and improvements.

During the year 2023-2024 the Trust was asked by the parish priest for funding refurbishment of the church lighting to modern standards and LED lighting (£26,791), removal of asbestos revealed by the quinquennial survey (£58,085) and a contribution towards secondary glazing in the rectory (£15,000).

The Trust is generously supported by parishioners who contribute by standing order or by joining the 200 Club. The Trust is also supported by both legacies and donations at funerals.

On behalf of the Parish Congregation and the Parish Priest, may I thank all the parishioners who contribute to this worthy charity. This year Geraldine Braycotton resigned as a trustee and was replaced by Adrian Gamble. Personally I also would like to thank my fellow trustees for their time and skills in maintaining the trust. Complete Accounts and Annual Report are available on <http://tauntonvalecatholics.com>

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Reserves Policy

The Trustees recognise the requirement to establish a reserves policy. Due to the age and fabric of the church and buildings to which the charity has a responsibility, the trustees feel it is prudent to maximise the levels held in general reserves to cover unexpected and unscheduled expenditure on repairs. Any major planned project will have a specific restricted fund set up in order to ring fence funds for that activity.


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Paul Tighe
Chairman of Trustees
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Date 22.07.2024

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of St George's RC Church Taunton (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under the section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Robert Zelazik BA(Hons)
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Date 24 July 2024

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	13117	-	13117	11712
Regular monthly donations	3999	-	3999	4744
200 Club subscriptions	744	-	744	912
Interest	4448	-	4448	1754
HM Revenue & Customs repayment – Gift Aid	1045	-	1045	1122
Loan repayments received - Capital	7551	-	7551	5582
- Interest	1995	-	1995	1465
VAT repayments	14146	-	14146	-
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Receipts	47045	-	47045	27291
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Payments				
Charitable activities				
- Church lighting repairs and materials deposit for relighting upgrade	(135)	26926	26791	5904
- Asbestos removal	19085	39000	58085	-
- Presbytery secondary glazing	15000	-	15000	-
- Church brasses and restorations	241	-	241	1669
- 200 Club prize money	367	-	367	370
Bank charges	1	-	1	2
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Payments	34559	65926	100485	7945
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	12486	(65926)	(53440)	19346
Cash Funds at Previous Year End	72763	65926	138689	119343
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cash Funds at 31 March 2024	85249	-	85249	138689
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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 March 2024**

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets				
Investments				
Loan to St George's Church	19045	-	19045	26595
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Current Assets				
Cash at bank	85249	-	85249	138689
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimable	950	-	950	1045
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Total Current Assets	86199	-	86199	139734
Liabilities				
Loan	-	-	-	-
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Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	<u>105244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105244</u>	<u>166329</u>

These accounts have been approved by the trustees and are signed on their behalf by:

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Mr P Tighe
Chairman

22.07.2024
..... Date

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Mr D W Argile

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Accounting Basis

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2 Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration has been paid to any of the trustees during the year (2023 - £nil).

3 Independent Examiner's Fee

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	-	-
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4 Unrestricted and Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are the unexpended balances of funds raised for specific purposes within the Charity's objectives and which must be applied for those purposes only. All funds raised by the charity prior to 1 April 2010 were for the purposes of installing a new stained glass window and the redecoration of the church in celebration of the church's 150th anniversary. The balance of funds held at 31 March 2010 was therefore restricted to that specific purpose.

Unrestricted funds are the free funds of a Charity, which are not designated for a particular purpose, and can therefore be used in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity. At 31 March 2024 all funds were held in unrestricted funds.