

THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S, LENHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1160993

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2015-03-19

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

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Activities

Objects: OBJECTS AND POWERSA)THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S LENHAM IS ESTABLISHED TO MAINTAIN AND BEAUTIFY THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S LENHAM IN THE DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.B)IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SAID OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S LENHAM MAY:(I) ARRANGE AND PROVIDE FOR OR JOIN IN ARRANGING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF EXHIBITIONS, MEETINGS , LECTURES AND CLASSES.(II) COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE OBJECTS. CAUSE TO BE WRITTEN AND PRINTED OR OTHERWISE CIRCULATED, GRATUITOUSLY OR OTHERWISE, SUCH PAPERS, BOOKS, PERIODICALS, PAMPHLETS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OR FILMS, WEBSITES OR RECORDED TAPES (WHETHER AUDIO OR VISUAL OR BOTH) AS SHALL FURTHER THE OBJECTS.(III) RAISE FUNDS BY ANY LAWFUL MEANS AND THROUGH ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY AND INVITE AND RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ANY PERSON OR PERSONS WHATSOEVER BY WAY OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDED THAT THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S LENHAM SHALL NOT UNDERTAKE PERMANENT TRADING ACTIVITIES IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE OBJECTS.(IV) MAKE GRANTS OF MONEY AND GIFTS OR OTHER PROPETY TO THE CLERGY, CHURCHWARDENS AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST MARY'S LENHAM, EXCUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SAID OBJECTS AND GENERALLY ASSIST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH.(V) INVEST THE MONIES FOR THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S LENHAM NOT IMMEDIATELY REQUIRED FOR THE SAID OBJECTS IN OR UPON SUCH INVESTMENTS, SECURITIES OR PROPERTY AS MAY BE THOUGHT FIT, SUBEJCT NEVERTHELESS TO SUCH CONDITIONS (IF ANY) AS MAY FOR THE TIME BEING BE IMPOSED OR REUIRED BY LAW.(VI) DO ALL SUCH OTHER LAWFUL THINGS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE SAID OBJECTS.

Activities: Local village fund raising. Village events end personal donations. Fundraising for St Mary's Church Lenham , building repairs and maintenance..

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S LENHAM IN THE DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£13,360	£2,060	-	-
2024-05-31	£13,424	£13,525	-	-
2023-05-31	£46,252	£19,733	-	-
2022-05-31	£7,595	£9,732	-	-
2021-05-31	£21,535	£16,258	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW BARR	Chair	2013-03-28
ANETTE TOMARKEN		2013-03-28
BRIAN PARFETT		2023-02-27
Danielle Coorsh		2024-01-15
Elizabeth Jane Cocker		2021-07-29
Gillian Ann Simes		2017-03-28
Hannah Goodwin		2026-04-08
JOHN ARTHUR BOYD		2013-03-28
Janet Patricia Enever		2021-07-29

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Accounts

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Chairman's Report July 2023

Thank you all for your attendance and your support through another year.

Firstly, and sadly, we must record the loss of several staunch members since we last met: Jim Myers, committee member, Sheila Lee, wife of Tom, our ex. Treasurer, and John and Carol Philpott, all of whom were great supporters of our cause.

We have held two major events in the past year; the 10th Annual Village Barn Dance last September, and Jazz at the Tithe Barn, a new venture in June. They were both sell-out events, receiving good reviews, and contributing nearly £5,000.00 to our funds. Events also advertise our cause and bring in new members. I thank Jan Enever especially, for her hard work in organizing the Jazz Event.

We have produced a 2nd edition of our great book, 'A History of St. Mary's, Lenham'. Thank you to Annette Tomarken, Amy Myers and Danny Coorsh for organising that, and Christian Merry for his new design. It is now on offer at £10.00 as the first edition has sold out.

Our membership has slightly increased to just over 140, and this includes some of the Attwood family from the U.S.A whose ancestors lived at Royton Manor and were related to the Honeywoods. So we now have truly global membership.

Our next projects to improve St. Mary's are:

Firstly, the repairs to the West Door stone moulding which we have finally got permission to do.

Secondly, the parquet flooring at the front of the pews, where our application is with the DAC and imminent.

Thirdly we have lately given a down payment to the Community Hub Project to go toward the renovation of this floor here in the back of the church.

I am afraid that Planning Permission and permission from the DAC on all these projects does take a long time, but we do get

there in the end, as we have done so many times in the past 11 years of our existence.

We have made a notable difference in this time and I am sure we will continue to do so with our members support.

I thank all of our Management Committee for all their hard work, but I must especially mention Danny Coorsh for her excellent reports in Focus and all the advertisement she gives us on Facebook and in messages to all our members.

Also our Treasurer, Jan Enever, who is so efficient and helps keep us all on the straight and narrow.

I am afraid I end this report with some sad news which is that Lyn Fuller is standing down after over 10 years of great service as Secretary to the Friends. I will miss her invaluable help she has given me over all this time, during which we have gone from no members to over 140 and have spent nearly £100,000.00 on repairs and improvements to this amazing church which were very necessary, and have helped to keep it standing for the future use of our lovely village.

Thank you Lyn, and good luck in all your future projects.

Andrew Barr
Chairman

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INCOME

£1,625.00

£2,142.95

£35,532.87

£6,003.22

£465.00

£481.75

£1.08

£35,695.07

£81,946.94



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

On accounts for the year
ended

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.