

FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES THE LESS CHURCH, TATHAM, LANCASHIRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1161272

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-04-14

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT ST JAMES THE LESS CHURCH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AS A PLACE OR WORSHIP AND FOR SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES DEEM APPROPRIATE.

Activities: The object of the Friends is to preserve and protect St James the Less Church for the benefit of the public as a place of worship and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees deem appropriate. As such, the Friends are a secular organisation which works closely with the Parochial Church Council to ensure that the church and the community around it are preserved for future generations.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ST JAMES THE LESS CHURCH
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,603	£2,337	-	-
2023-12-31	£4,877	£558	-	-
2022-12-31	£6,039	£2,189	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,656	£1,604	-	-
2020-12-31	£4,709	£5,899	-	-

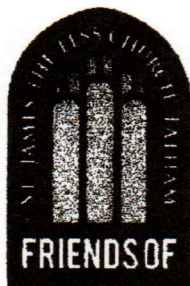
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mel Winstanley		2020-07-13
PAUL HOWARD WHATMOUGH		2017-03-12
Rita Ann Murphy		2020-07-13

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AGM 12th May 2024

Chairman's Annual Report

This is the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2024, the tenth full year since the Friends was launched.

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Trustee: Rita Murphy

Trustee: Mel Winstanley

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It is the role and responsibility of the Trustees to ensure that the organisation is run in accordance with its constitution and charity law.

Charity No 1161272

Financial Review:

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In addition in May the Friends received a formal request from the PCC for financial assistance with the roof repairs. It was suggested that the Friends might consider taking responsibility for the preparation and redecoration of the church which was estimated at £18,500. It was agreed to support this request up to a maximum of £22,000.

Events:

The first event of the year was the Afternoon Tea held at the church on 10th February. It was a great success thanks to all the hard work of the ladies of the Events Committee. Tickets were limited to 60 and were quickly sold. We were entertained by the Ossie Sisters, a close harmony singing trio of which one member, Rhian, is granddaughter to one of our founder members, Colin Burford. It was Eunice Burford's birthday on that day and many members of the family celebrated at the Afternoon Tea which was to be Colin's last event with the Friends before he passed away in April. A total of £683 was raised on the day.

At the end of April and beginning of May volunteers from the Friends assisted the Parochial Church Council with catering at the Wray Scarecrow Festival and on the church stall at Wray Fair; a lot of baking, soup and sandwich making, washing up and hard work made for enjoyable and rewarding days.

Our next event was our very first Plant Sale & Coffee Morning held at the church on Saturday, 8th June 2024. Many of our green fingered members had been preparing for this occasion from the previous autumn and we had a large variety of plants on offer. We also had a couple of craft stalls and many second hand books to sell. We are very grateful to Suzanne Wakeman for designing some wonderful posters and promotional signs which obviously paid off as we were somewhat overwhelmed by the response. An astonishing £1018 was raised in just a couple of hours and it was agreed that this should become an annual event.

Due to the repairs to the church roof and and the PCC belief that work would be commence in the autumn, it was decided that the Friends would not be able to plan for future events at the church until the PCC was in a position to clarify matters. The repair work did indeed commence in the Autumn and at the November meeting it was agreed that the Friends would not meet again until March 2025 when it was hoped that the

church would be back to normal. However the members of the Events Committee met socially in October for coffee, cake and chatter at The Bridge Tearooms in Wray.

Although not strictly a Friends event in December the Friends organised a raffle at the community event, the Christmas Sparkle, held at the new refurbished Wennington Hall. A further £800 was raised with all proceeds going to the church roof repair fund. A few days later 21 members of the Friends met for a Christmas lunch at The Highwayman which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

As a charity we are indebted to the members of our 100 Club and its administrator, Sue Wood, for ensuring that our funds continue to grow to the tune of over £4,000 during the year and we are very grateful for her support and hard work.

Outgoings:

The Friends continue to raise funds to assist the PCC with the repairs to the roof in order that the structure of the church may be maintained as a community asset for the present generation and the generations to come.

In Memoriam:

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to two members of our community:

Colin Burford MBE was a founder member of the Friends together with John Holt. They both saw the need to engage with the community in this sparsely populated area of Lancashire to ensure that the church continued as a central force for the community. It is thanks to their vision that the Friends were conceived and Colin guided us through the process of forming the constitution and becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was entered on the Register of Charities on 14th April 2015. Colin served as a first Chairman from inception to his resignation in July 2020. He continued to support the Chair and the Trustees until forced to stop due to ill health.

Chris Berry was another who was a member of the Friends since its inception and was instrumental in setting up and maintaining the website and marketing for us. He was always willing to give a helping hand when asked and, along with Colin, is a great loss to our community.

Paul Whatmough
Chair

Friends of St. James the Less

Registered Charity Number 1161272

**Financial Statement
31st December 2024**

Prepared and presented by:

**Paul Whatmough
Coach House
Wennington**

Treasurer and Trustee

Friends of St. James the Less

10th Annual General Meeting, 12th May 2025

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statements relate to the year ending 31st December 2024.

The Financial Statements have not been independently examined because it is not a requirement of the Charities Commission.

Friends of St. James the Less

100 Club

Income and Expenditure

Year to 31st December 2024

2024

Income

Monthly Membership	6175.00
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Expenditure

Prize Money	<u>2010.50</u>
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"Profit" to General A/c	4164.50
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Balance Sheet

at 31st December 2024

Bank Balance	2070.00
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Less unrepresented cheque	0.00
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Less Payments in Advance	<u>2070.00</u>
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0.00

Friends of St. James the Less

General Account
Income and Expenditure
Year to 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Wennington Hall Xmas Social	1800.00	0.00
Sale of Jam	42.00	189.00
Plant Sale	1022.28	0.00
Afternoon Tea	920.00	0.00
Lancaster Singers	0.00	524.73
Donations	353.75	26.50
Surplus from 100 Club	4164.50	4137.25
Lost chqs by Barclays Bank	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Income	8602.53	4877.48
Expenditure		
Afternoon Tea Expenses	236.68	0.00
Secretary expenses	0.00	102.24
Pop up Gazebo	0.00	333.99
Wennington Hall Xmas Social	1800.00	0.00
Tfr to PCC	0.00	122.00
Lost chqs by Barclays Bank	<u>300.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>2336.68</u>	<u>558.23</u>
Annual Surplus	<u><u>6265.85</u></u>	<u><u>4319.25</u></u>
Represented by		
Bank balance b/fwd	£22,072.53	17753.28
Annual surplus	<u>6265.85</u>	<u>4319.25</u>
Bank balance c/fwd	<u>28338.38</u>	<u>22072.53</u>

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AGM 13th May 2024

Chairman's Report

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Margaret Whatmough resigned as a Trustee at the AGM in 2023 as her period of tenure as a Trustee had expired. Margaret agreed to continue as Secretary to the Friends with the consent of the members.

Financial Review:

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Events:

At the end of April and beginning of May volunteers from the Friends assisted the Parochial Church Council with catering at the Wray Scarecrow Festival and on the church stall at Wray Fair; a lot of baking, soup and sandwich making, washing up and hard work made for enjoyable and rewarding days.

It was agreed that any plans to celebrate the King's Coronation was the responsibility of the parish councils and the Friends would not, on this occasion, be arranging an event.

On 20th May, a concert by the Lancaster Singers was held at the church which was filled with beautiful singing and an atmosphere of community enjoyment. Light refreshments were served after the concert to both the choir and the audience which were greatly appreciated and, after expenses, £525 was added to our funds.

Due to uncertainty regarding the proposed repairs to the church roof and when the work would be starting, it was decided that the Friends would not be able to plan for future events at the church until the PCC was in a position to clarify matters.

As a charity we are indebted to the members of our 100 Club and its administrator, Sue Wood, for ensuring that our funds continue to grow to the tune of over £4,000 during the year and we are very grateful for this continued support.

December 2023 saw members of the Friends enjoying a Christmas meal at The Highwayman.

Outgoings:

It was agreed that the Friends would purchase a pop-up gazebo for use at their outdoor events.

A member of the community kindly donated jars of homemade jam and the Secretary agreed to use her databases to promote the sale of the jam. £122 was subsequently transferred to the church account.

The Friends are aware that the church roof needs repairing and that the PCC is likely to apply for assistance in funding the work.

Paul Whatmough
Chair

Friends of St. James the Less

Registered Charity Number 1161272

**Financial Statement
31st December 2023**

Prepared and presented by:

**Paul Whatmough
Coach House
Wennington**

Treasurer and Trustee

Friends of St. James the Less

9th Annual General Meeting

Treasurer's Report

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Friends of St. James the Less

General Account
Income and Expenditure
Year to 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Open Gardens	0.00	250.00
Sale of Jam	189.00	0.00
Leyland Brass Band	0.00	1299.41
Lancaster Singers	524.73	0.00
Donations	26.50	170.50
Surplus from 100 Club	<u>4137.25</u>	<u>4319.25</u>
Total Income	4877.48	6039.16
Expenditure		
Donations	0.00	1000.00
Secretary expenses	102.24	0.00
Pop up Gazebo	333.99	0.00
Queen's Jubilee Party	0.00	378.39
Leyland Brass Band	0.00	734.00
Tfr to PCC	122.00	0.00
Bunting Fabric and Boxes	<u>0.00</u>	<u>76.72</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>558.23</u>	<u>2189.11</u>
Annual Surplus	<u><u>4319.25</u></u>	<u><u>3850.05</u></u>
Represented by		
Bank balance b/fwd	17753.28	13903.23
Annual surplus	<u>4319.25</u>	<u>3850.05</u>
Bank balance c/fwd	<u>22072.53</u>	<u>17753.28</u>

Friends of St. James the Less

100 Club

Income and Expenditure

Year to 31st December 2023

	2023
Income	
Monthly Membership	6365.00
Expenditure	
Prize Money	<u>2201.25</u>
"Profit" to General A/c	4163.75

Balance Sheet

at 31st December 2023

Bank Balance	1666.00	
Less unrepresented cheque (M Jackson)	106.00	
Less Payments in Advance	<u>1560.00</u>	
		0.00

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AGM 30th May 2023

Chairman's Report

This is the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2022, the eighth full year since the Friends was launched.

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Charity No 1161272



Financial Review:

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Events:

Following upon the Covid restrictions the Friends were able to start meeting again in March 2022 and immediately started planning for a not-for-profit community event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In conjunction with the PCC and by kind permission of Mrs Phyllis Holt, a garden party was held in the grounds of The Old Rectory. Invitations were sent to all residents in the area covered by the church newsletter and approximately 100 people of all ages gathered on Sunday, 5th June 2022 to enjoy a convivial afternoon with music and a wonderful and generous Jacob's Join.

On 22nd October, an audience of 70 attended a very enjoyable concert by Leyland Brass Band raising £565.41. This concert had originally been planned for October 2020 so we were delighted to welcome the Brass Band back to the church and, as in previous visits, they had the audience tapping their feet and swaying in their seats. Following the concert, light refreshments were served by the members of the Events Committee which were greatly enjoyed by band and audience alike.

As a charity we are indebted to the members of our 100 Club and its administrator, Sue Wood, for ensuring that our funds continue to grow to the tune of over £4,000 during the year and we are very grateful for this support.

December 2022 saw members of the Friends and the PCC unite to enjoy a Christmas meal at The Bridge Inn.

Outgoings:

No Grants were paid to the PCC during the year. The Friends are aware that the church roof needs attention and that the PCC are likely to apply for assistance in funding the repairs.

Paul Whatmough
Chair

Friends of St. James the Less

Annual General Meeting, 9th May 2023

Director's Report

Financial Statements relate to the year ending 31st December 2022.

Financial Statements have not been independently examined because it is not a requirement of the Companies Commission.

Friends of St. James the Less

Registered Charity Number 1161272

**Financial Statement
31st December 2022**

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Friends of St. James the Less

General Account **Income and Expenditure** **Year to 31st December 2022**

		2022	2021
Income			
Fund raising	Open Gardens	250.00	0.00
	Sale of Jam	0.00	104.00
	Leyland Brass Band	1299.41	0.00
Donations	From 100 Club winners	170.50	196.50
Surplus from 100 Club		<u>4319.25</u>	<u>4355.00</u>
Total Income		6039.16	4655.50
Expenditure			
Donations	Ukraine Appeal	1000.00	0.00
Secretary expenses		0.00	0.00
Grants to PCC	New drainage pipe	0.00	1500.00
Event	Queen's Jubilee Party	378.39	0.00
Event	Leyland Brass Band	734.00	0.00
Sale of Jam		0.00	104.00
Misc	Bunting Fabric and Boxes	76.72	0.00
Total Expenditure		<u>2189.11</u>	<u>1604.00</u>
Annual Surplus		<u>3850.05</u>	<u>3051.50</u>
Represented by			
Bank balance b/fwd		13903.23	10851.73
Annual surplus		<u>3850.05</u>	<u>3051.50</u>
Bank balance c/fwd		17753.28	13903.23

Friends of St. James the Less

100 Club

Income and Expenditure

Year to 31st December 2022

2022

Income

Monthly Membership	6645.00
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Expenditure

Prize Money	<u>2155.25</u>
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"Profit" to General A/c	4489.75
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Balance Sheet

at 31st December 2022

Bank Balance	1805.00
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Payments in Advance	<u>1805.00</u>
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0.00

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The Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

AGM 9th May 2022

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Trustee: Mel Winstanley



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Meetings: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed by the Government in the lockdowns and the requirements of social distancing, meetings of the Friends were curtailed during 2021. We were able to meet for the AGM and subsequent business on 16th August 2021. The Trustees met on 13th August where it was agreed that all the activities of the Friends should be postponed until Spring 2022 and this was unanimously agreed at the business meeting. No further meetings were held in 2021.

Financial Review: a copy of the Financial Statement is attached to this report and will be discussed fully later in this meeting under the item of the Treasurer's Report.

Fundraising

Members of the Events Committee met regularly when Covid restrictions eased and the draws for the 100 Club were usually carried out at these meetings. They were able to liaise with the Leyland Brass Band and Lancaster Singers and delighted that both organisations were amenable to rearranging dates for their concerts to 2022 and 2023 respectively when, hopefully, restrictions will be eased even further and we will be able to fill the church.

As a charity we are indebted to the members of our 100 Club and its administrator, Sue Wood, for ensuring that, despite the difficult circumstances, our funds did continue to grow to the tune of over £4,000 during the year and we are very grateful for this support.

Outgoings: Due to a further incident of flooding due to run off from adjacent fields a grant of £1500 was made to the PCC for a new drainage pipe and thanks are due to the Holt Estate for their major contribution to these land works.

In summary, 2021 proved to be another difficult and challenging year for the Friends of St James the Less following upon the curtailment of its activities in 2020. We remained optimistic though that Spring 2022 will see the Friends back in action with meetings and community events.

Paul Whatmough
Chair

Friends of St. James the Less

Registered Charity Number 1161272

**Financial Statement
31st December 2021**

Prepared and presented by:

**Paul Whatmough
Coach House
Wennington**

Treasurer and Trustee

Friends of St. James the Less

7th Annual General Meeting, 9th May 2022

Treasurer's Report

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Friends of St. James the Less

General Account
Income and Expenditure
Year to 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
Fund raising		
Afternoon tea	0.00	136.00
Sale of Jam	104.00	119.00
Donations		
From 100 Club winners	196.50	56.50
Surplus from 100 Club	<u>4355.00</u>	<u>4397.25</u>
Total Income	4655.50	4708.75
Expenditure		
Donations		
Morecambe Bay Foodbank	0.00	500.00
Secretary expenses	0.00	86.69
Printing		
New 100 Club invite	0.00	75.00
Afternoon tea		
Prosecco (held in stock)	0.00	107.88
Grants to PCC		
New drainage pipe	1500.00	0.00
Lights to Lit. Rack and organ window	0.00	519.79
Roof over cellar steps	0.00	4434.00
Sale of Jam	104.00	119.00
Donation		
Khazeni-rad	0.00	56.50
Total Expenditure	<u>1604.00</u>	<u>5898.86</u>
Annual Surplus	<u><u>3051.50</u></u>	<u><u>-1190.11</u></u>
Represented by		
Bank balance b/fwd	10851.73	12041.84
Annual surplus	<u>3051.50</u>	<u>-1190.11</u>
Bank balance c/fwd	13903.23	10851.73

Friends of St. James the Less

100 Club

Income and Expenditure

Year to 31st December 2021

2021

Income

Monthly Membership	6700.00
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Expenditure

Prize Money	<u>2148.50</u>
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"Profit" to General A/c	4551.50
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Balance Sheet

at 31st December 2021

Bank Balance	1467.00
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Payments in Advance	1355.00
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Unclaimed prize (Mike Winstanley)	<u>112.00</u>
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FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES THE LESS CHURCH, TATHAM, LANCASHIRE

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The Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

AGM 16th August 2021

Chairman's Report

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Our longstanding Chairman and founder member of the Friends of St James the Less Church, Colin Burford, announced his resignation as Trustee and Chair at the business meeting held on 13th July 2020. Colin's wisdom and guidance of the Friends since its inception has been greatly valued and appreciated and, fortunately, he is still playing an active role but from the "back seats" so we can still call upon him for his sound advice. It was agreed at the same meeting that the number of Trustees should be increased to four and the members were delighted with the nominations and elections of Rita Murphy and Mel Winstanley.



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Trustee: Rita Murphy

Trustee: Mel Winstanley

The contact details of all the Trustees can be found on the Charity Commission website or by contacting the Secretary.

It is the role and responsibility of the Trustees to ensure that the organisation is run in accordance with its constitution and charity law.

Meetings: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed by the Government in the lockdowns and the requirements of social distancing, meetings of the Friends were curtailed during 2020. We were able to meet for business meetings on 13th January, 9th March and a postponed AGM and business meeting were held on 13th July. The Trustees met on 8th July to review the activities and compliance of the charity. No further meetings were held in 2020.

Financial Review: a copy of the Financial Statement is attached to this report and will be discussed fully later in this meeting under the item of the Treasurer's Report.

Fundraising: the fundraising activities of the Friends has been seriously curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic during 2020. As the severity of this illness started to become apparent in March 2020, it was decided at our business meeting on 9th March to cancel our first planned fundraising event of the year: an afternoon tea to be held at the church. Initially it was hoped to reschedule this event for later in the year, but this idea too was shelved as the health crisis deepened and all those who had bought tickets were contacted and offered a refund.

Planned concerts with the Lancaster Singers and the Leyland Brass Band due to take place during 2020 were postponed and rescheduled for 2021 with the full understanding and co-operation of the participants.

As a charity we are indebted to the members of our 100 Club and its administrator, Sue Wood, for ensuring that, despite the difficult circumstances, our funds did continue to grow to the tune of over £4,000 during the year and we are very grateful for this support.



Outgoings: At the business meeting held on 13th July, the Treasurer advised that the PCC would need to settle the invoice for the roof of the cellar steps for which the Friends had promised financial support and that this debt would become due before the Friends were likely to meet again due to the pandemic. It was agreed that the Treasurer could pay up to 50% of the total costs as long as these did not exceed £11,000. A payment of £4,434 was subsequently made to the PCC when advised.

Other Matters: it is with sadness that I have to report that the summer of 2020 saw the death of John Holt. John was a founder member of the Friends, a keen supporter of all its activities and a stalwart of the community. His absence in our midst is a significant loss and he is greatly missed.

As the effects of the pandemic started to bite in our region, it was suggested that the Friends of St James the Less could and should do something to assist people struggling to feed themselves and their families. The membership was consulted by email and overwhelmingly supported a proposal to donate £500 to the Morecambe Foodbank which was duly carried out.

The email circulation lists maintained by the Secretary have proved to be an invaluable tool in disseminating information to our community on services and assistance available during the pandemic and, judging by the feedback, the emails have been greatly appreciated.

Under the umbrella of the Friends, the Secretary organised trips to see live screenings at the cinema. These were offered to both registered and social members and two very successful outings were made to see the musical Kinky Boots and a Royal Ballet screening before the pandemic curtailed our fun.

In summary, 2020 proved to be a difficult and challenging year for the Friends of St James the Less as its meetings and activities were seriously curtailed due the Covid-19 pandemic but our community remains resilient and we look forward to resuming a full programme of activities as soon as possible.

Paul Whatmough
Chair

Friends of St. James the Less

Registered Charity Number 1161272

**Financial Statement
31st December 2020**

Prepared and presented by:

Paul Whatmough
Coach House
Wennington

Treasurer and Trustee

Friends of St. James the Less

6th Annual General Meeting, 16th August 2021

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statements relate to the year ending 31st December 2020.

The Financial Statements have not been independently examined because it is not a requirement of the Charities Commission.

Friends of St. James the Less

General Account

Income and Expenditure

Year to 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
Income		
Fund raising		
Summer supper	0.00	1979.50
Bibi concert	0.00	660.71
Afternoon tea	136.00	0.00
Sale of Jam	119.00	0.00
Donations		
Khazeni-rad (100 Club winner)	56.50	0.00
Surplus from 100 Club	<u>4397.25</u>	<u>4290.00</u>
Total Income	4708.75	6930.21
Expenditure		
Donations		
Morecambe Bay Foodbank	500.00	0.00
Secretary expenses	86.69	94.90
Summer supper	0.00	399.53
Printing		
New 100 Club invite	75.00	25.98
Afternoon tea	107.88	206.71
Sundry		
Keys, Stamps, Wine glasses	0.00	31.98
Grants to PCC		
Black out blinds	0.00	77.44
Speaker above choir	0.00	314.40
Window lights	0.00	576.00
Summer supper	0.00	774.99
Literature racks	0.00	224.00
Folding chairs	0.00	1458.00
Lights to Lit. Rack and organ window	519.79	0.00
Roof over cellar steps	4434.00	0.00
Sale of Jam	119.00	0.00
Donation		
Khazeni-rad	56.50	0.00
Total Expenditure	<u>5898.86</u>	<u>4183.93</u>
Annual Surplus	<u><u>-1190.11</u></u>	<u><u>2746.28</u></u>
Represented by		
Bank balance b/fwd	12041.84	9295.56
Annual surplus	<u>-1190.11</u>	<u>2746.28</u>
Bank balance c/fwd	10851.73	12041.84

Friends of St. James the Less

100 Club Income and Expenditure Year to 31st December 2020

2020

Income

Monthly Membership	6765.00	
Donation	<u>300.00</u>	
		7065.00

Expenditure

Prize Money	2367.75	
Donation	<u>300.00</u>	
		2667.75
"Profit" to General A/c		4397.25

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2020

Bank Balance	1875.00	
Payments in Advance	<u>1875.00</u>	
		0.00