



The Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

AGM 9th May 2022

Chairman's Report

This is the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2021, the seventh full year since the Friends was launched.

The charity has been established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registration number 1161272, with the following objective: to preserve and protect St James the Less Church for the benefit of the public as a place of worship and such other charitable purposes as the Trustees deem appropriate.

A close working relationship has been established with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to identify improvements and modifications to the church which are beneficial in achieving greater use of the church buildings for both religious and secular purposes. In addition, the Friends are involved in raising funds to finance developments agreed by the PCC.

Membership of the Friends is available to anyone who supports its objectives and is interested in furthering its purposes. General meetings of the Friends are held bi-monthly to which all members are invited. Members are also invited to take part in the work of the various sub-groups. The Secretary of the Friends also maintains a database of supporters who wish to be kept informed of the activities of the Friends but do not wish to play a more active role in the running of the charity. These supporters are welcome to attend all our meetings but do not have voting rights. All databases are maintained in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

The four Trustees of the Friends are:

Chairman, Trustee and Treasurer: Paul Whatmough

Trustee and Secretary: Margaret Whatmough

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 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 meeting. 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
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Treasurer and Trustee

Friends of St. James the Less

7th Annual General Meeting, 9th May 2022

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statements relate to the year ending 31st December 2021.

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 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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