



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.

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

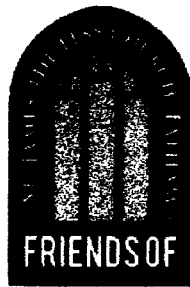
Trustee: Rita Murphy

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.

Charity No 1161272



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.

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

Chair'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		4319.25	4355.00
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		2189.11	1604.00
Annual Surplus		<u>3850.05</u>	<u>3051.50</u>
Represented by			
Bank balance b/fwd		13903.23	10851.73
Annual surplus		3850.05	3051.50
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
Expenditure		
	Prize Money	<u>2155.25</u>
	"Profit" to General A/c	4489.75

Balance Sheet
at 31st December 2022

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