

Guardians of St Alphege Parish Church Solihull (Charity no. 1166292)

Trustees' Year ended 31 July 2025

Fundraising

Tuesday 8th April Light and Sound at St Alphege Church.

This was held to showcase the new lighting installed to enhance the interior of the church. It was also an opportunity to link up with the tower team and hear about their heritage. The show by Andy Hasteed was appreciated along with the contribution from the tower

Tuesday 10th June Summer Drinks Party

This was hosted by Ann Taylor. A successful and enjoyable event which was well attended. As all refreshments were donated a handsome profit was made. Some Guardian artefacts, no longer required, joined the raffle.

Thursday 10th July Stained Glass Windows of St Alphege Church

An excellent talk by Barry Brady, window restorer, was followed by tours of our fine windows. The evening finished with refreshments. The event was organised by Phil Godfrey. Another stimulating and profitable event.

Thursday 18th September Autumn Coffee Morning

Margaret Oswald kindly hosted this event to allow a fund raising get together for members.

Other Fund Raising

Sheila Payne has continued to run the St Alphege Lighting scheme to publicise personal anniversaries. Refreshments after Sunday services have also provided funds. We have received individual generous donations. Many thanks are due to all involved.

Support of the church fabric

The trustees have benefitted from the experience of Andy Moore and Phil Godfrey relating to the buildings. We have been following the assessment of repairs to the spire and tower to prevent water ingress. To date no expenditure has been either requested or agreed. With the help of the Rector and others we are seeking a full picture of possible overall repairs expenditure going forward.

Trustees and organisation

Following the last AGM Martin Ayers, Phil Godfrey and Roger Shinton were formally added to the trustee team. They joined Judith Hetherington and the Rector (ex officio). At an initial meeting of the new team it was agreed Roger would act as chair, Andy as secretary and

Judith continue as treasurer. We have met every two months on a Wednesday afternoon. Judith has been updating banking admin to allow online access. Andy has reorganised the coordination of the membership list and e-mail communication. Roger has collected archival records and put them together as well as trimming unwanted material. We regret not yet having delivered a new website and this is now a priority.

Future Plans

Thursday 27th November Members Christmas Lunch at the Drum and Monkey.

Further events in the church and elsewhere are under discussion for 2026.

Martin Ayers is working on a simple scheme for The Guardians to stay in contact with people and families who have had an important relationship with St Alphege and Solihull, but have moved away.

Roger Shinton Sept 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 July 2025

	Note	Year ended 31 July 2025 £	Year ended 31 July 2024 £
Income			
Subscriptions		1,702	2,159
Donations		1,042	1,350
Gift Aid		496	399
Floodlighting Income		842	808
Investment Income		3,612	3,432
Interest Received		183	312
Summer Drinks Evening Event		362	233
Light and Sound Event		166	-
Lunch		157	-
Picture Auction		15	-
Stain Glass Window Church Event		443	-
Cheese and Wine		-	238
Church drinks		-	274
Raffle		-	126
Coffee Morning		-	273
Copper Collection		-	13
Total Income		<u>9,020</u>	<u>9,617</u>
Expenditure			
Floodlights		-	23
Postage and Printing		65	28
AGM		38	50
Church Lighting		530	-
Total Expenditure		<u>633</u>	<u>101</u>
Net Income before gains on investments		8,387	9,516
Unrealised gains on investments	1	49,702	79,015
Net movement in funds during the year		<u>58,089</u>	<u>88,531</u>
Reconciliation of Funds			
Funds brought forward		621,299	532,768
Funds carried forward		<u>679,388</u>	<u>621,299</u>

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 July 2025

		31 July 2025	31 July 2024
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Investments	1	649,021	599,319
Current Assets			
Cash at bank	2	27,825	19,956
Debtors	3	2,542	2,024
		<u>30,367</u>	<u>21,980</u>
Total Funds		<u>679,388</u>	<u>621,299</u>

Approved by Trustees on 17 December 2025

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Notes to the Accounts
As at 31 July 2025

1 Investments	Market Value as at 31 July 2024 £	Change in Market Value £	Market Value as at 31 July 2025 £
M&G Equities Investment Fund - Accumulation Units	537,056	48,113	585,169
M&G Equities Investment Fund - Income Units	62,263	1,589	63,852
	<u>599,319</u>	<u>49,702</u>	<u>649,021</u>

2 Cash at Bank	31 July 2025 £	31 July 2024 £
Treasurers Account	4,035	1,644
Deposit Account	17,247	15,564
No1 Account	6,543	2,748
	<u>27,825</u>	<u>19,956</u>

3 Debtors		
Gift Aid Claim	2,520	2,024
Prepayment	22	-
	<u>2,542</u>	<u>2,024</u>