



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Charity name: The Friends of St Mary's and St John's, Whitchurch**

**Charity registration number: 1168335**

### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To assist in the maintenance, preservation and improvement of the Churches of St John's Whitchurch Hill and St Mary's Whitchurch</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Conducting fund-raising activities with a view to making grants to the Parochial Church Council for the object churches and organising voluntary working parties</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<b>The charity continued to raise funds to support its objects of maintaining and improving the facilities at the two parish churches. Activities have been severely restricted during the year owing to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions but the charity has continued to raise funds through its Membership Subscriptions and associated Gift Aid. It made one small grant during the year to the St Mary's Clock Restoration Project supported in the previous year.</b>

# Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's financial position at the end of the period is satisfactory. Incoming resources exceeded outgoing resources by £4,000.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity's policy is not to make grants for a project unless and until the requisite funds have been raised. The charity has no need to hold reserves to cover ongoing expenses. It has no staff, no ongoing commitments and minimal overhead costs. All reserves held by the charity are held in anticipation of making grants in the pursuit of its objects.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total reserves held at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 amounted to £13,975, almost entirely in cash balances.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds are in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties about the charity as a going concern.

## Additional information (optional)

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal sources of funds are normally membership fees akin to donations and fund-raising events, though no fund-raising was possible in the year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The trustees' policy is to seek to raise funds to be able to make grants in support of its objects. The holding of investments could discourage making such disbursements.
		The trustees do not believe that the

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016, amended 26 June 2016</b>
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>The trustees include (ex-officio) the Rector of the Langtree Team Ministry of which the ecclesiastical parish of Whitchurch is a part (or his nominee) and may include up to two trustees nominated by the Whitchurch PCC. Other trustees are either elected by the members of the CIO at the AGM or appointed by the trustees and confirmed by election by members at the next AGM Elected trustees retire by rotation after 3 years.</b>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of St Mary's and St John's, Whitchurch
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1168335
Charity's principal address	Green Gables Whitchurch Hill Reading RG8 7PG

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Keith Charles Williams	Chair	Resigned January 2021	Founding Trustee, confirmed by Members
2	Gordon Samuel Painter	Treasurer	All year	Founding Trustee, confirmed by Members
3	Kevin Godfrey Davies	(Rector of Langtree Team Ministry)	Nominated James Leach November 2020	Ex-officio
4	Paul Victor Witcher	Chair (from January 2021)	All year	Members
5	Theresa Anne Elsome		All Year	Members
6	Kenneth George Baker		All Year	PCC Nominee
7	Graeme Keith Pearce		All Year	PCC Nominee
8	James Roger Leach	(Rector's Nominee)	Nominated November 2020	Ex-officio
9	Geoffrey Rutherford Weir		Appointed at AGM January 2021	Members

## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not Applicable		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not Applicable
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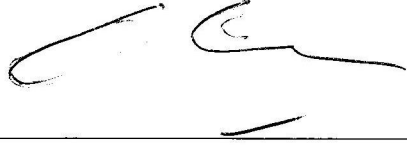
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul V Witcher	Gordon S Painter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021