



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2023 To 31/03/2024

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	To assist in the maintenance, preservation and improvement of the Churches of St John's Whitchurch Hill and St Mary's Whitchurch
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	Conducting fund-raising activities with a view to making grants to the Parochial Church Council for the two parish churches and organising voluntary working parties
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## 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	<p>The charity continues to raise funds to support its objectives of maintaining and improving the facilities at the two parish churches through Membership Subscriptions and associated Gift Aid, and also through fundraising activities.</p> <p>During the year the charity applied funds amounting to £1129 in grants to Whitchurch PCC in pursuit of its objectives, and also committed £10,000 for planned works at St Mary's.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## 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..
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 objectives.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total reserves held at 31st March 2024 amounted to £12,724, 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)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 17th March 2016, amended 26 June 2016
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	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. One-third of the elected trustees retire by rotation each year. No trustee may serve for more than 3 consecutive terms but may be re-elected after a gap of 3 years.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		



## 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	Wells House High Street Whitchurch-on-Thames Reading RG8 7DB

## 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	Gordon Samuel Painter	Treasurer (up to 31 March 2023)	All year	Founding Trustee, confirmed by members
2	Paul Victor Witcher	Chair (from January 2021)	All year	Members
3	Theresa Anne Elsome		To 18 June 2023 (deceased)	Members
4	Kenneth George Bakes		All year	PCC nominee
5	Graeme Keith Pearce		All year	PCC nominee
6	James Roger Leach		All year	Ex officio
7	Geoffrey Rutherford Weir	Treasurer (from 1 April 2023)	All year	Members
8	Jill Bradon		From 21 October 2023	Members
9	Sarah Dragonetti		From 21 October 2023	Members

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

Director name		

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

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**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

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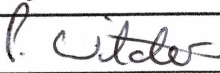

**Other optional information**

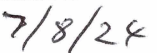
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**Declarations**

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 WITCHER	GEOFF WELCH
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 



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The Friends of St Mary's and St John's  
Whitchurch

No (if any)  
1168335

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01 04 2023	To	Period end date 31 03 2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & Legacies	4,277	-	-	4,277	4,282
Other Trading Activities	3,594	-	-	3,594	1,082
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>5,364</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>5,364</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising Funds	962	-	-	962	155
Administration	82	-	-	82	61
Charitable Activities - Grants	1,129	-	-	1,129	16,920
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>17,136</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>17,136</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>- 11,772</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,028	-	-	7,028	18,799
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>12,726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,726</b>	<b>7,027</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash	100	-	-
	HSBC Current Account	2,446	-	-
	Dudley BS	10,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>12,546</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

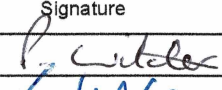
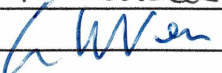
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Accruals	179	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PAUL WITCHER	7/8/24
	GEORGE WEIR	7/8/24