



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024 To 31/03/2025

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

Charity registration number: 1168335

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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 |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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 has focused on building up funds to enable a grant of £20,000 to be made to the PCC for the refurbishment of the spire at St Mary's. We expect to award this grant by the end of 2025. We are also raising funds for other, smaller, projects at St Mary's and St John's.</p> |

Financial Review

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| 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 2025 amounted to £21,627, 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. |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| 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. |

Reference and Administrative details

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| 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 |
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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 | Paul Victor Witcher | Chair until 7 th August 2024 | Resigned as Trustee on 18 th March 2025 | Members |
| 2 | Sarah Dragonetti | Chair from 7 th August 2024 | All year | Members |
| 3 | Geoffrey Rutherford Weir | Treasurer | All year | Members |
| 4 | Jill Bradon | | All year | Members |
| 5 | Kenneth George Baker | | All year | PCC nominee |
| 6 | Graeme Keith Pearce | | All year | PCC nominee |
| 7 | Rev'd James Roger Leach | | All year | Ex officio |
| | | | | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| 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 | None |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/A |

Exemptions from disclosure

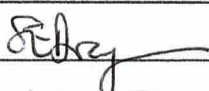

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | SARAH DRAGONETTI | GEOFF WEIR |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | CHAIR | TREASURER |
| Date | 16th July 2025 | |



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

to (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01 04 2024

To

Period end date
31 03 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations & Legacies | 5,082 | - | - | 5,082 | - |
| Other Trading Activities | 2,978 | - | - | 2,978 | - |
| Investments | 502 | - | - | 502 | - |
| Gift Aid | 1,129 | - | - | 1,129 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 9,691 | - | - | 9,691 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 9,691 | - | - | 9,691 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Raising Funds | 698 | - | - | 698 | - |
| Administration | 96 | - | - | 96 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 794 | - | - | 794 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 794 | - | - | 794 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 8,897 | - | - | 8,897 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 12,545 | - | - | 12,545 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 21,442 | - | - | 21,442 | - |

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 £ |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash | 100 | - | - |
| | HSBC Bank | 1,330 | - | - |
| | Dudley BS | 20,012 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 21,442 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

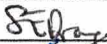

| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

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

| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|  | SARAH DRAGONETTI | 25/7/2025 |
|  | GEOFF WEIR | 25/7/2025 |