



The Friends of
Steyning
Parish Church

FRIEND'S OF STEYNING PARISH CHURCH
(Charity No. 1169773)

Trustee's Annual Report for Period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

The objects of the F of S P C remain the same to assist the Vicar, Church Wardens, and PCC. with the conservation, repair and improvement of the Church, promote education about its history, purpose and develop its use by the wider community. We now have 157 members.

The trustees of the Friends are Fr. Mark Heather the vicar, Chairman Jeremy Tomlinson, Secretary Sarah Leigh, Treasurer Don Harry, ex Church warden John Downe, Church warden Sarah Lavery and Tony Struthers. The committee also includes Christine Aubrey representing the PCC project Management, Brian Sawyer and Carol Mitchell as music events coordinators. Bill Thompson overseas publicity and marketing.

Our funds on 31st December 2022 were £102,164.95. This increase was largely due to a bequest of £76,568.85 from a former member of the Friends.

Additional income came from donations, Gift Aid and Interest. A Heritage Day raised £655 and a Harp concert £1294. A small profit was raised from the sale of wine at some events. The Hanover Band and choir gave a wonderful, well received performance of Handel's Messiah at Christmas time and we hope they will be able to attend again next year. The band were responsible for the ticket sales, but the Friends did the stewarding and providing refreshments.

A new Church brochure is being produced by a group of Friends as is an online tour of the church.

It is expected that the Friends will be contributing to Church roof repairs and major alterations to the Church interior to make it more user friendly and more adaptable for a wider range of events.

A trip was made to Fulham Palace, where a Tudor screen, now present in our church originated. It was part of a panel dated to 1522. It commemorates the marriage of King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon.

Following our AGM a talk about this screen was given.

Donald Harry, Hon. Treasurer. August 2023.