

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALLHALLOWS

England & Wales · Charity number 1181764

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-01-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE FABRIC, FIXTURES, MOVEABLES AND CHURCHYARD OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALLHALLOWS AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP AND AS A BUILDING OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL MERIT.

Activities: The Friends of All Saints Church (FoAS) fundraise locally and host various fundraising and entertaining community events. FoAS also aims to seek substantial fundraising opportunities, by developing an ambitious plan to enhance the purpose and use of the building for the benefit of a wide range of projects and groups in the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£15,247	£11,614	-	-
2024-03-31	£15,163	£26,247	-	-
2023-03-31	£85,286	£112,770	-	-
2022-03-31	£353,277	£407,547	-	-
2021-03-31	£111,565	£58,043	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL TURNER	Chair	2022-06-22
Anthony Baker		2023-01-10
JULIE BAKER		2023-01-10
Lynn Yelton		2023-01-10
Richard William Yelton		2019-01-29

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for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March
2025



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Not a Trustee Secretary Susan Turner

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Funded Projects

We have supported the new Allhallows Scout group buying them some equipment to enable them to go on camps with the young people

Missional property Fund - Solar Panels for All Saints

- we put together the application for the Missional Property Fund, which came to us via the Diocese, with FOAS giving the church specific information. The application was to support the installation of solar panels on the flat roof ledge at All Saints to help the church become more sustainable and help with future energy costs and to include some interpretation about the work and energy saving benefits. FOAS obtained an quote for the work and dealt with the faculty application and survey required as part of the application and required for Diocese approval of the project. we found out we were successful with our application and had been awarded £9000 towards the installation of Solar panels. We have sort planning permission for the Solar, and this is on going the cost of this alone is £7,600 we are also seeking more funding from other source to help with the total coats of £27,000 this is now an ongoing project and will go into 25/26

The Financial Statements were approved.
 -----and the Accounts
 authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees
 and signed on their behalf by:

Michael Turner Chair

<u>Receipts for year ending 2025</u>	<u>This year</u> £	<u>Previous Year</u> £
Membership subscriptions	<u>649</u>	<u>1,536</u>
	649	1,536
Grants / Misc / Donations	<u>4,279</u>	<u>1,047</u>
	4,279	1,047
Fund Rasing	<u>-</u>	<u>5,787</u>
	-	5,787
Gift aid	<u>110</u>	<u>-</u>
	110	-
Hub Café	<u>9,361</u>	<u>-</u>
	9,361	2,871
Events	<u>848</u>	<u>1,448</u>
		-

	848	
Other	-	-
	-	-
Refunds	-	2,247
	-	2,247
Interest	-	-
	-	-
Total Receipts for the year	15,247	7,701

<u>Payments for year ending 31st March 2022</u>	<u>This year</u> £	<u>Previous year</u> £
Premises		
Electric	-	656
	4	
Public Liability	66	430
	6	
Repairs & Renewals	49	5,514
Gas	-	-
	-	-
	1,115	6,600
Activities		
	5	
Events	51	1,380
	4,53	
Hub Café	5	638
	5,086	2,018
Fund raising Expenses		
	-	-

Admin/ Establishment Expenses

	-	-
	-	110
	-	110
Other Expenses		
Courses / Training	-	-
Broadband	-	355
St Mary Hoo Project	-	1,692
misc	-	1,865
salary	-	11,997
	-	15,909
Capitol Purchases		
Kneeler/ bouncy castle	-	1,359
fridge	-	252
	-	-
	-	1,611
	6,201	26,248

<u>Receipts & Payments for year ending 31st March 2024</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
	£	£
Total Receipts for the year	15,769	15,164
Total payments for the year	11,614	26,248
Net receipts(payments) for the year	4,155	- 11,084
Bank/ Cash/ Fund brought forward	-	3,908
	4,155	- 7,176

Statement of Assets & liabilities

Monetary assets

Bank Current account	1,081	10,925
Bank Deposit Account	33,714	20,004
Cash in hand	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>34,795</u>	<u>30,930</u>



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of Friends of All Saints Church Allhallows

On accounts for the year ended 31/03/2025

Charity no.:	1181764	Company no.:	
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Set out on pages _____
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 5th October 2025

Name: Angela McNaughton

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FAAT ACMA

Address: 27 Queensway, Allhallows, Rochester, Kent, ME3 9QB

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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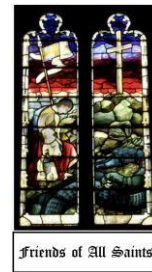
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upcoming 2023-24 period. In particular, Allhallows Peninsula East, Primary Academy has benefited from some newly developed activities that are described in more detail below and additionally, discussions took place with some of our key partners so that we could begin to work on and develop ideas for activities through into the next reporting year. The list of planned activities is presented below.

Heritage Engagement Officer work summary from April 2023 – December 2023

- During 2023, I continued to support the growth of the community hub and partnerships made through the 'Jewel in the Marshland' National Lottery project which was completed at the end of 2022, alongside building new partnerships and opportunities, often working closely with Stephen Danton and others to help establish new activities.
- Between March – May I carried out a community survey to see what kinds of activities and support local people would like to see offered in the church. This highlighted a number of key areas with potential for future development, funding, and partnerships. These included a knitting/crochet/sewing group, art classes, craft sessions, adult education courses (healthy eating, mental health and diabetes scoring highly), a local walking group, a gardening/growing group, and yoga/Thai chi as the most popular alongside watching theatrical performances.
- The Applause shows have continued, and progress was made in developing some of the above areas. Following the Aspire art sessions coming to an end FoAS volunteers established their own weekly class. Medway Council have offered 'Healthy way' facilitator training with free training and once trained you are paid for the delivery, but no-one took up this offer. Further partnerships with Medway
- Links were strengthened with the Diocese Community Engagement team, who helped support and promote a 'Loneliness Awareness event in June. I also attended the Diocese Community hub team meetings Magali organised several times a year.
- I attended several networking events throughout the year either face to face or online (Medway and Swale Physical Activities Alliance). Funding or other potential partnership opportunities would be shared with other FoAS trustees as relevant.
- I assisted in the draft church user hire agreement form, which the PCC have now taken on the development of.
- Holiday activities took place every school holiday (except Easter when I was on leave). These have continued to have regular and new families attending. This year as many of the past event volunteers were now engaged regularly in the Hub Café, we trialled in the Spring the activities running alongside the Hub café opening times, at the far end of the church. This proved to work well, as most attendees also used the café and had not visited before. The craft activities were often seasonally themed and to make the activities available to all they were free with a suggested donation of £1 per child for activities which most paid. All activities and events were risk assessed. The June Open afternoon coincided with the 'Churches' counts on

Nature' and 'Love your Burial Ground' week, run by Caring for God's Acre, which providing another way to engage with people and to look at the history of the churchyard and gravestone designs as well as observing and recording what flora and fauna existed.

- Other family activities took place at the St. George's day event in April and the Heritage Open day in September. At the heritage open day, we made use of the AV system, sharing a PowerPoint presentation I'd prepared the previous year about the church history. Also playing oral histories about the Allhallows railway, which was part of the theme for the open day.
- Publicity and promotion of events, activities and volunteering continued to be a core part of my role. Updating the website regularly, posting weekly things on the FoAS Facebook page, sharing forthcoming event posters, and preparing articles or press releases for the ALM or to send to Village Voices or partners. I designed the new FoAS pop up banner for use in the church and at events.
- Promotion of volunteering continued to be an integral part of my role, with regular please for the various volunteer opportunities and slowly we have grown the number of Hub Café volunteers. New volunteers have either come via me or the current café volunteers and have undergone a trial session in the café supported by either Lynn or Julie and go through the kitchen induction process and basic health and safety matters. I then set them up to complete the online food safety training independently or over several weeks I supported two of the volunteers with low-level digital skills to complete the training. Making them aware of the Tempo Time credits scheme and ensuring they register as a volunteer following their trial, so they are covered by the FoAS insurance. The updating and storing their contact details securely.
- I have helped coordinate the Age UK services alongside Stephen Gwilt and Stephen Danton, Age UK Medway, and Peninsula East primary Academy. The school have contributed to the services with seasonal songs or presentations and pupils read the bible readings. These have been very successful and a great opportunity for intergenerational mixing.
- Through initial partnerships developed with Medway Council's health team in the JiTM project, we built on this, and their main Project Manager Vicki Broome put us in touch with several other departments whom FoAS could potentially work with or be involved with funded or other opportunities. This included the Healthy Way facilitator training, the adult education and Digital Skills team and Medway Go (funded children's holiday activity provision). Some of which we have been able to take forward.
- A recent meeting with the Whose Hoo project team has potential for FoAS and All Saints to be involved in facilitating activities led by their team at the church, as part of the current development phase which runs till May

2024 and then from the end of 2024 with the delivery stage. There is potential to also use material from the JiTM project like the oral histories, the 'Step into the Past' video and heritage Hikes booklet to share with a wider audience.

Funded Projects

Co-op Community Fund – St. Mary's Hoo community greenspace.

- Following an initial meeting with church PCC, FoAS and local community representatives in the Spring we assessed the potential and planned for the Autumn. Badgers are present on site which as a protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, guidance was sought from the West Kent Badger Trust. Over 150 free tree saplings were acquired from the Woodland Trust and planted by FoAS and local community volunteers in November. The local community are engaged and helped clear large areas of overgrown matter and are keen to help take responsibility for the long-term care of the space.

Tools, skip hire for the scrub clearance and tree guards have been purchased from the funds raised by coop members.

Medway Council Adult Education – Digital Skills

- Our contact Dan Mace received funding from Health England to deliver a range of courses across Medway, the aim to lessen the inequalities gap between urban and rural areas, by bringing sessions to more isolated areas and to help adults to learn new skills and access healthcare and other services online.
- A 6-week Beginner's Digital skills course was run in the summer of 2023 with an average of 6 learners per session: lower numbers due to holiday season. The sessions were reviewed by FoAS, and the Digital skills team and remaining funding made it possible to lead a 10-week beginner's course running between November 2023 – mid May 2024. Several the FoAS volunteers are taking this course. The hope is that long-term several may feel confident enough to support others at beginner's level who may need some initial help, at a monthly or bi-monthly drop session when the hub café is open. This will also make use of the FoAS tablets and share skills and those willing to do this could choose the areas they felt most confident in to share with others e.g. using google maps, attaching files, how to send an email, etc.
- The funding pays towards the use of the church space and utilities.

Kent Community Fund – Creative Theatre Project with Mid Kent College (MKC) creative department and Peninsula east Primary School

- Initial discussions by myself and Stephen Danton were held with the school and MKC in the summer, which resumed in September and an activity plan for delivery was developed. MKC staff and students will delivery sessions as an afterschool club for years 5 and six pupils at the Primary School on Thursdays 3.15 -4.15pm, starting with a taster session on 4th January 2024 and the first session 11th January. MKC will be the main delivery lead with FoAS support as needed and FoAS to attend various sessions to capture photographic and anecdotal evidence for the funding report. Sessions will include elements of music, theatre and performance. The intention where possible is to include some aspects of Allhallows’s heritage through the creative work. A final performance early summer will be given in the church. Funding is for £2,500 towards the cost of resources/materials, travels costs and other items. This is the third successful application with Kent Community Fund, which enables FoAS to be eligible for apply for bigger pots of money and have early access to some funding.

Missional property Fund - Solar Panels for All Saints

- I helped put together the application for the Missional Property Fund, which came to us via the Diocese, with Stephen Gwilt giving the church specific information. The application was to support the installation of solar panels on the flat roof ledge at All Saints to help the church become more sustainable and help with future energy costs and to include some interpretation about the work and energy saving benefits. Stephen obtained an initial quote for the work and dealt with the faculty application and survey required as part of the application and required for Diocese approval of the project. At the end of October, we found out we were successful with our application and had been awarded £9000 towards the installation of Solar panels.

Church Recording

We have not managed to contact the church recording team, which we suspect may have suffered from significant impacts of the covid pandemic. Some of our trained volunteers have also moved out of the village. Despite this there is still some interest in taking steps to resume and complete this activity so that copies of the recording may respectively go to the V&A museum; the Diocese and with one being retained by the church.

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Year end accounts

<u>Receipts for year ending 2024</u>	<u>This year</u> £	<u>Previous Year</u> £
Membership subscriptions	<u>£1,536.00</u> £1,536.00	<u>£1,488.00</u> £1,488.00
Grants / Misc / Donations	<u>£868.00</u> £1,047.18	<u>£5,737.28</u> £5,737.28
Fund Rasing	<u>£5,786.64</u> £5,786.64	<u>£0.00</u> £0.00
Gift aid	<u>£0.00</u> £0.00	<u>£0.00</u> £0.00
Hub Café	<u>£2,871.25</u> £2,871.25	<u>£1,513.00</u> £1,513.00
Events	<u>£1,447.91</u> £1,447.91	<u>£0.00</u> £0.00
Other	<u>£0.00</u> £0.00	<u>£8,825.01</u> £8,825.01
Refunds	<u>£2,246.73</u> £2,246.73	<u>£0.00</u> £0.00
Cash from café	<u>£228.00</u> £228.00	<u>£0.00</u> £0.00
Total Receipts for the year	£15,163.71	£17,563.29

<u>Payments for year ending 31st March 2024</u>	<u>This year</u> £	<u>Previous year</u> £
Premises		
Electric	£655.60	£0.00
Public Liability	£430.37	£0.00
Repairs & Renewals	£5,513.86	£0.00
Gas	£0.00	£2,600.69
	£0.00	£0.00
	£6,599.83	£2,600.69
Activities		
Events	£1,380.40	£0.00
Activities	£637.91	£1,239.18
	£2,018.31	£1,239.18
Fund raising Expenses		
	£0.00	£1,197.45
	£0.00	£1,197.45
Admin/ Establishment Expenses		
	£109.89	£0.00
	£109.89	£0.00
Other Expenses'		
Courses / Training	£0.00	£0.00
Broadband	£355.01	£347.63
Other payments	£0.00	£1,954.06
High Halstow PCC	£0.00	£0.00
St Marys Hoo project	£1,691.91	£0.00
Donations	£0.00	£0.00
Transfer to NHLF Account	£0.00	£0.00
Misc	£1,864.90	£15,875.87
Salary	£11,996.73	£0.00
	£15,908.55	£18,177.56
Capitol Purchases		
Bouncy castle/Kneelers	£1,359.05	£0.00
Fridge	£251.98	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00
	£1,611.03	£0.00
Total Payment for year	£26,247.61	£23,214.88

<u>Receipts & Payments for year ending 31st March 2024</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
	£	£
Total Receipts for the year	£15,163.71	£17,563.29
Total payments for the year	£26,247.61	£23,214.88
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Net receipts(payments) for the year	£11,083.90	-£5,651.59
Bank/ Cash/ Fund brought forward	<u>£3,907.55</u>	<u>£49,658.12</u>
	<u>-£7,176.35</u>	<u>£44,006.53</u>

Statement of Assets & liabilities

Monetary

assets

Bank Current		
FOAS	£10,925.49	£3,907.55
Bank Account		
NLHF	£20,004.22	£19,176.71
Cash in hand	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£30,929.71</u>	<u>£23,084.26</u>

I Holly Daniel have examined the Accounts of the Friends of All Saints Church for the Year to 31st March 2024, together with the accounting Records, and report that proper accounting records have been kept and the accounts are in accordance with those records.

The Financial Statements were approved, and the Accounts authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Michael Turner



**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Charity Name
Friends of All Saints Church

On accounts for the year ended March 2024 Charity no (if any) 1181764

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 09/08/24

Name: Miss Holly Daniel

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CIMA

Address: 27 Well Hill Drive, Harworth
Doncaster, DN11 8FL

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALLHALLOWS

England & Wales - Charity number 1181764

Accounts



Friends of All Saints

Friends of All Saints Church, Allhallows

Trustee's Report and Financial Statements for the
period 1st April 2022 to 31st Mar 2023





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Report of the Trustees

The trustees, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st Mar 2023. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice

Administrative details

Registered Charity Number: 1181764 Registered

Address: All Saints Church
Stoke Road
Allhallows
Rochester, KENT
ME3 9PF

Trustees:

Stephen Dennis Danton – Chair & Secretary for entire year Treasurer until Jan 2023

Rev. Stephen Gary Gwilt

Colin Ian Davis

Richard William Yelton

Lynn Yelton

Michael Turner

Alexandra Goodman

Julie Baker

Tony Baker

David Wallace

Staff: NONE (everyone is a volunteer) Independent Examiner: Holly Daniel

Miss Holly Daniel (CIMA Cert)
27 Well Hill Drive
Harworth
Doncaster

Website: www.allsaintschurchallhallows.com

Governance

The Charity is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) The Charity's Constitution is the primary governing document of the Charity.

The Friends of All Saints, Allhallows was registered with the Charity Commission on 28th January 2019. Prior to this, the Friends of All Saints first started in 2013, as an unincorporated organisation.

Vision

The Friends of All Saints, Allhallows ("FoAS") is a registered charity initially set up in 2013 in response to a recognised need to provide financial and physical support for the fabric and surrounding grounds of All Saints Church, Allhallows, Rochester KENT.

The vision of FoAS is to preserve and protect the fabric, fixtures, moveables and churchyard of All Saints Church, Allhallows, as a place of worship and as a building of historical and architectural merit.

Background

The Friends of All Saints was formed in 2013 following the threat of closure of the building and when it became obvious that the congregation was finding it increasingly difficult to maintain the church as it had been doing for hundreds of

years. The outcome of this was a decision made to commence fund raising activities and devise a programme based on the age-old concept of “use it or lose it”!

Objectives and activities

Charitable objectives

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

- To improve and protect the church building, to make it useful to all in the community for another thousand years.
- To increase knowledge and understanding of the local history of the church and the surrounding area.
- To increase community events for all.
- To improve support and awareness of, and for, local residents who may be lonely or infirm.
- To introduce sustainable systems for building, heating, lighting plumbing etc., wherever possible and practical.

Meeting a Need

FoAS aims to achieve its vision by continuing to fundraise locally and host various fundraising events. At the same time, FoAS aims to seek substantial fundraising opportunities, by developing its ambitious plan to enhance the purpose and use of the building and attract funding proportionate to its vision. FoAS is currently still working on their project “Jewel in the Marshlands- Enhancing our Community Heritage”, which had a completion date of 31st October 2022. Made possible by National Lottery players, the project aims to protect and promote the unique and deep heritage of the church and its area, making the building the focal point for exploring and celebrating the heritage of our church and community. In 2018, the NLHF (National Lottery Heritage Fund) was awarded a Round One grant. In March 2020, the NLHF was awarded a grant for Stage Two of the project. The finances for the project were planned to last until July 2022, although this was extended due to some delays caused by the COVID pandemic. Following the end of project report being presented to the National Lottery the project continues with an ongoing schedule of activities to develop the building as a ‘community hub’ that will engage with local residents and a wide selection of the public.

At approximately 1,000 years old, this Grade One listed building is the oldest building in Allhallows and is steeped in history.

The Project aims to reach audiences with the following heritage themes:

1. All Saints Church
2. Life in Allhallows through the centuries
3. Significance of Allhallows in defence

The project has upgraded the building, so that it can become a multi-use facility that excels at education and entertainment for members of the public. The building has stood for 1,000 years and FoAS want to make sure that it remains a relevant and useful building for a further 1,000 years. The project will include essential preservation/maintenance work and the installation of multi-media equipment and improved heating/ lighting. An educational programme is also planned and will aim to engage with the local interested parties, the tourism trade and as many local schools as possible in the area, with volunteers provided with appropriate training so they can help keep a sustainable interest in the building. FoAS are also seeking to engage and provide for diverse community groups, such as people living with dementia and their carer’s, as well as others in the Parish with disabilities.

Mentioned in William the Conqueror’s Domesday Book, All Saints Church, Allhallows embodies architectural styles and features from almost every era of British History, reflecting the political and ecclesiastical changes of the country through time. The church also boasts some of the best kept records in the country, dating back to 1629. The front door and Rood Screen are original Tudor Oak, dating back to the era of Henry VIII.

The Charity’s Trustees have complied with their duties under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Public Benefit



Coming out of the reporting year 2021/22 the church and activities was on a path to recovery from the covid pandemic that had during this period significantly impacted the FoAS public benefit activities. which are intended to illustrate the commitment and hard work of the Charity for the ultimate benefit of the community. Activities for 2022 commenced at a rate that was still somewhat limited but significantly increased under the management of our part-time Heritage Engagement Officer (HEO), Jennifer Glanfield,



over the entire 2022/23 reporting year. A significant amount of preparation and planning work for public benefit activities going forward and beyond 2022/23 was undertaken by our HEO. The assistance of Jennifer was wholly appreciated by all trustees and FoAS members as well as by those people able to attend the various activities. The role, throughout this period was part-time for 3 days per week, with an original plan that it would end in October 2022. As previously noted in last year's report, we managed to secure additional funding to retain her until the end of 2023. Our initial plan was to continue to retain her services for three to five years, but Jennifer wanted to secure a role that was closer to her home location so that childcare arrangements were more easily manageable.

Summary of 2022-2023

The year 2022 to 2023 was one, where the covid pandemic was, to a greater extent, now behind us. Although, in common with almost every other organization across the world, there were some residual impacts of covid, in general we were beginning to look healthy and able to go forward. Alongside running planned activities and undertaking small projects relating to the church the Chair and HEO worked hard on producing the final Completion Report for the National Lottery, which covered the period from 1st July to the 31st October 2022. Progress for the first 6-months of 2022 was covered in a report addressing the period from 1st January to 30th June 2022.

In summary our final completion report addressed the fact that we now have a building that is essentially watertight and has to date been draught proofed as much as possible with broken glass being replaced in windows and door insulation strips being installed where previously none existed. The addition of the frameless glass door to the south entrance porch has significantly improved the warmth of the building. However, it is of course the installation of our wet underfloor heating system that has proved to be a very popular improvement. Unfortunately, with 2022-23 being the first year of the energy crisis and significant increase in energy prices, this meant that we were unable to use the heating system as much as we would have liked.

The installation of the heating system has allowed us to open a community Hub Cafe, for two days a week, following the provision of food hygiene training to volunteer staff who run the facility. The installed kitchen is of a very reasonable size for the building with a range of small appliances that allows us to offer a broad variety of snacks and refreshment. Having two comfortable, compliant, modern toilets with a baby change facility has of course made the building much improved for all users.

Our new state-of-the art AV system is regularly used for church services and events and during this year we identified several other organisations who could potentially make use of the system. It has already made a great difference and the larger screen and sound system have made it more accessible to those with eyesight issues as the images are larger and the sound system is adjustable so we can adapt it to suit the needs of our users. We have had interest from a Medway Council adult education group wanting to use the church facilities, including the AV screen and wifi to be able to run remote learning sessions with local people. We also use it for special services that we have put on for AgeUK clients who are living with the early to middle stages of dementia and it has worked well for this. Additionally, there is also the option for the Peninsula East Academy to access it as well as other user groups who visit or use the space to make use of it.

The addition of insulation to the roof space, even though it is only one inch thick, provides some additional help in the battle against heat loss from the building. Longer term plans are focused on the installation of solar panels on the south nave aisle roof along with the provision of a storage battery, to retain some of the power for when it is needed. Exploratory discussions have also taken place with the diocese with regards to the design, approval, and installation of secondary double glazing on the clerestory windows and those in the north and south nave aisles. There is some support for this, and we need to obtain some designs and quotes for undertaking this work so that

we can discuss further with the diocese and apply for a faculty to obtain approval. Doing our part for working towards net zero is at the forefront of these plans.

Community Hub café

Following a successful visit and the award of a food hygiene rating by the Medway Environmental Health Department, on the 17th August 2022 we opened our doors to the public and since that time we have seen a steady and slowly growing flow of people seeking refreshments as well as cake and hot or cold snacks. The Hub Cafe is run by a loyal band of volunteers opening twice a week, Wednesday and Thursday from 11.00- 14.00 unless there is a funeral or other church-related business. Any money remaining raised after all expenses have been paid is divided and shared equally between the Church PCC and FoAS treasurers. At present from August 2022-March 2023 £2;140.90 has been shared between the two treasurers with £1070.45 being passed to each of them. The money given to the Church helps pay the utilities and the money that goes to FoAS is for restocking all goods needed for the running of the cafe as well as for minor ongoing work on the Church building.

Allhallows Life Magazine

We lost our sponsorship support from A C Goatham & Son for 2022 for the publication of the Allhallows Life Magazine. However, FoAS decided to provide funding from our own funds for a further year. Unfortunately, we took some time to engage a new editor for the Magazine but managed to do so before mid-2022. This worked well and we managed to maintain publication into 2023, after which our editor also decided to resign.

List of main FoAS community activities planned for 2022/23

As well as continuing with our regular first Saturday of the month tea and coffee afternoons, which we had recommenced from January 2022, our part-time Heritage Engagement Officer, was very busy in developing a programme and schedule for the remainder of the 2022-23 period as well as for the upcoming 2023-24 period. In particular, Allhallows Peninsula East, Primary Academy has benefited from some newly developed activities that are described in more detail below and additionally, discussions took place with some of our key partners so that we could begin to work on and develop ideas for activities through into the next reporting year. The list of planned activities is presented below.

Heritage Engagement Officer work summary from April 2022 – March 2023

The delays with the completion of the building work clearly hindered the delivery of activities. However, we did hold a heritage Open day in September, which was very successful and local people were pleased to see the amount of work that had been going on. In addition, we hosted a number of other events, which are described below.

- The time between April and June 2022 was largely taken up with planning for the Platinum Jubilee event as we wanted to use the church and outside space to entertain people and put on a number of outdoor theatrical performances. However, as we have done in the past, we held a St. George's Day event on the 23rd April. As in previous years we had characters re-enacting the roles of St. George and the fair maiden as well as a horse for St. George.
- In June 2022 we hosted three events in support of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which included refreshments, project displays and children's activities. We also partnered with Applause, the rural touring company to offer six different performances, three held at All Saints and three at our other parish church - St. Margaret's, in High Halstow. On two days we had live music from a 60s band, 'Legend's revival'. These events brought new people into the church at Allhallows and also into our sister church in High Halstow
- Later in June the Queen's coronation was shown as a tribute, on the screen that forms part of the new AV system, which also attracted new visitors to the church to watch this. During the Heritage Open day and our final project celebration event, we were able to use the

screen to show a Powerpoint presentation sharing the history of the church and what had been achieved throughout the project. The AV system is now regularly used for the weekly church services, and additionally for other events.

- Our monthly project days and open afternoons had been resumed in the early part of 2022 and we held the August strawberry cream tea, which was well attended as usual.
- We were awarded £2,344 from Kent Community Foundation, which we used for Play on Words (a key partner) to produce a series of 3 or 4 mini character videos, which were pieced together into one 30-40-minute-long story. This project also works in partnership with Slough Fort, another heritage location in Allhallows. The mini videos were focused on some of the main people who have featured prominently in Allhallows' past. The tales were narrated by a key character dressed in the style of the Victorian era and reflected on some of the tales from the past using the information we had researched. We identified several characters based on the current historical information we have access too, connected to the military and smuggling past and of the De Pimpe or Copinger families.
- In August our HEO held another family craft activity session – 'Gruesome Gargoyles & Marvellous Minibeasts', celebrating the unique gargoyles on the outside of the church and the wildlife which can be found in the churchyard. A range of hands-on crafts were on offer including designing and making their own gargoyles from clay and helping to build a permanent mini-beast mansion in the churchyard for wildlife to use and shelter in. We had a number of families attending which was very encouraging. During this summer school holiday period, on the 23rd August, we held a children's Art Session for a couple of hours. Again, a number of local children and their parents attended.
- At the start of August our café volunteers had a trial day and prepared for opening on the 17th and 18th of August. Since then, the cafe has opened two days a week, between 11am and 2pm and has attracted both new visitors and existing church members, initially predominantly of the older generation although the number of younger people attending has now substantially increased.
- We took part in the 'Heritage Open' day scheme, which is in partnership with the National Trust, and opened our doors on Saturday 10th September for a guided heritage walk of Allhallows, led by one of our volunteers who is also a local historian, followed by the opening of the church in the afternoon which included refreshments. A larger display celebrating what had been achieved throughout the project was supported by a heritage Powerpoint presentation on the AV screen showing the history of the church and what we had achieved as part of this project. As the event fell within the national mourning period following the Queen's death, we also had a place of reflection, with a book of condolences and a chance to light a candle too. We were conscious of not creating a big celebration and therefore toned down the event in keeping with the sadness of the occasion.

Despite this we were still able to display a significant amount of heritage information and had loaned three items from the Medway Archives Centre which visitors were allowed to look at included:

- a church inventory from the 1600s, a Tithe
- the 1804 Terrier of the parish by T. Budgen, arranged in numerical order of plot numbers, with farm and estate headings and acreages and Incumbent registers; services: baptisms, 1629-1795; burials, 1629-1795, marriages, 1629-1753.

These were well received by visitors, who enjoyed looking through them and learning more about the church and community in the past. Also on display were examples of the building materials used, some clay grotesques created during the recent family craft session and the activity worksheets, which were available for visitors to take away.

- We continued to promote our volunteering at events, online and in particular starting to promote the need for more volunteers to help in our newly opened café. We have had a few more people come forward to offer assistance. We have continued to train our volunteers, purchasing a bulk amount of Level 1 and Level 2 online food safety courses to sustain the growth of volunteers in this area and ensure they received the training required to support their roles. Additionally, they are all required to complete the Diocesan church basic safeguarding training.
- We have established a partnership with Allhallows Youth group and Raising Youth, through our Coop community Funded project. Raising Youth initially visited the youth group when it reopened in mid-September and following their visit developed a plan to deliver subsequent sessions with the young people over autumn. We were awarded £2,287 from the local Co-operative store at Hoo to support this project.
- On the 22nd October we had an Applause show from the Gonzo Moose Company, entitled Is that a bolt your neck? This was very well attended and enjoyed immensely by one and all.
- In the run up to Christmas 2022, we held a dementia friendly Christmas Carol service for AgeUK clients, which was well attended and also supported by children from the Peninsula Academy.
- Heading into 2023, our HEO continued to support the growth of the community hub and partnerships made through the 'Jewel in the Marshland' National Lottery refurbishment project which was completed at the end of 2022.
- Following the receipt of an award from Kent Community Foundation we were able to commence the installation of a sensory garden within the churchyard. School children from the Allhallows Peninsula East Academy were heavily involved in implementing this project in terms of helping to prepare raised beds and planting them out with various herbs to satisfy the senses of smell and touch. The work also included the erection of a shed to keep tools in by volunteers and the planting of a number of small fruit trees; mainly apple but also plum and pears. The development of a wildflower area was also started along with the installation of a 'bug house' to encourage pollen transferring insects. Going forward we want to install some wind chimes to provide the 'hearing' sensory aspect and additionally provide some benches so that people can sit and reflect in a peaceful space.
- On 15th and 16th March, during half-term two loved themed craft workshops took place with young school children.
- On the 27th March, the AgeUK dementia friendly Easter service took place in the church and was supported by school children from the Allhallows Peninsula East Academy.
- Finally, on Friday 31st March Applause rural touring hosted a show called Suitcase Shakespeare. This was well received, and attendees numbered more than 70 in total.
- Discussions are ongoing with wHooCares (a local Community Interest Company) and we are looking at specific activities that some of the wHooCares clients could be involved in.
- During 2022-23 a Focus Group Leader and Community Health Researcher, trained by Medway Voluntary Action has run Health education focus groups at All Saints church, as well as at the Chapel/library, located on the Isle of Grain. Some of these related to the Macmillan Year of Listening project.
- Finally, we continue to share the project and any church events on social media, through the school newsletter and on our website.

Church Recording

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Going forward from 2023 to 2024

We are looking at developing a plan whereby we properly rationalize our activities so that we can do them with the restricted numbers of volunteers that we often have. Support for volunteering is also being sought from Medway Voluntary Action and the National Lottery Transformation Academy project that MVA manages and are delivering following the award of National Lottery funding. As we shall be losing our HEO at the end of December 2023, we need to examine our capacity for raising funds to engage a similar person to continue with this important work whereby we maintain our increasingly successful key partnerships and put in place new activities that we can continue to roll-out for the long-term benefit of the communities of Allhallows and surrounding villages on the Hoo Peninsula. We shall also be seeking similar funding to engage a part-time cleaner to support the activity of the community café.

S D Danton
January 2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Friends of All Saints Church

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2023 Charity no (if any) 11817164

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Date: 30/01/2024

Name: Miss Holly Daniel

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) qualified at Certificate Level

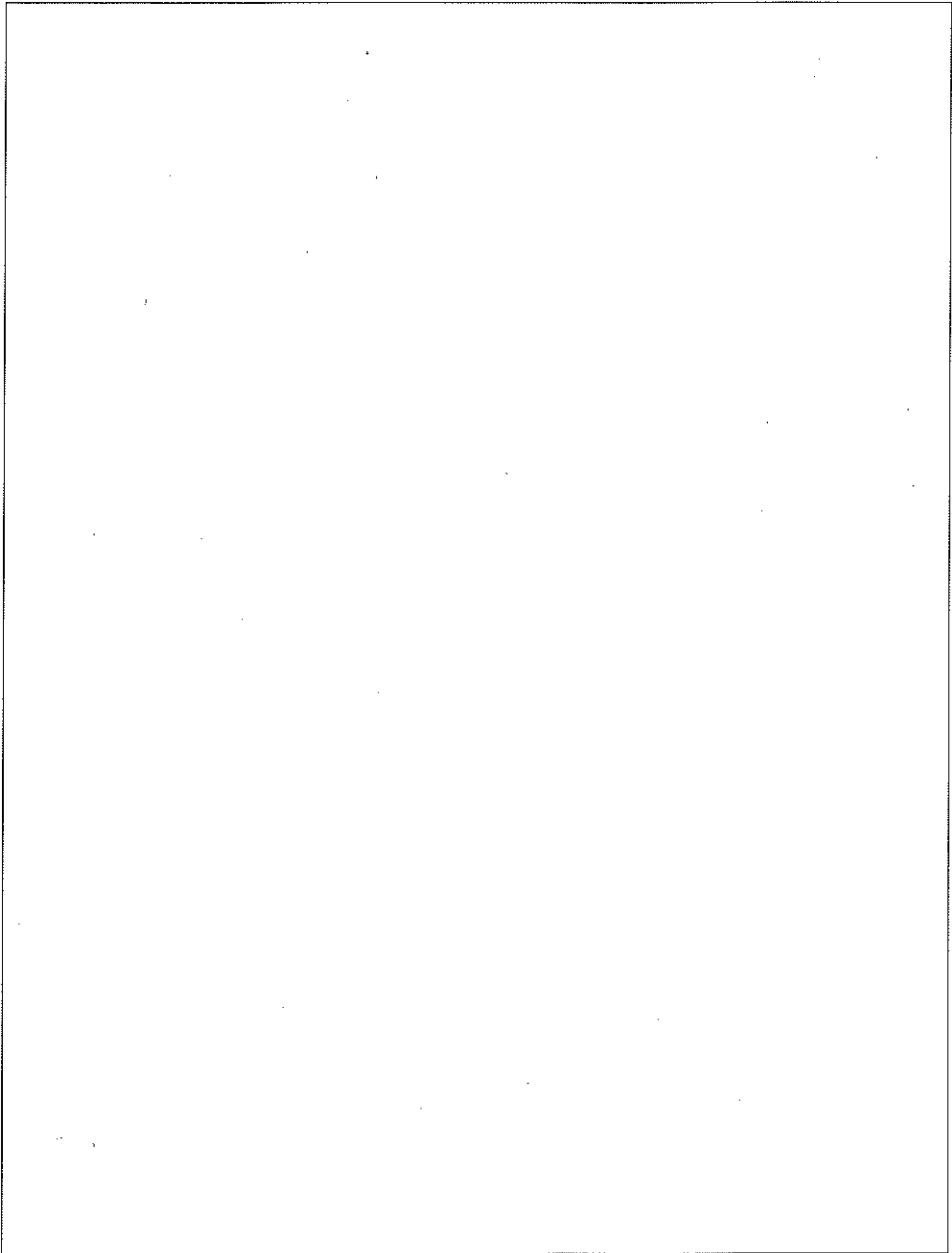
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27 Well Hill Drive, Harworth
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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Friends of All Saints Church
Summary of Payments for the Year ended 31st March 2023

	Year to 31/03/23	Year to 31/03/22
Repairs renovation and maintenance of church	£0.00	£80,222.20
Fundraising inc Allhallows Life Magazine	£1,197.45	£0.00
Equipment and supplies	£0.00	£388.67
Transfer to NL HF account	£793.41	£5,681.16
Other payments	£1,160.65	£0.00
Broadband	£347.63	£244.19
	£0.00	£500.00
Donation for Noticeboards		
Activities	£1,239.18	£3,925.00
Gas	£2,600.69	£609.54
Misc	£15,875.87	£103.59
Total FoAS Acc payments	£23,214.88	£91,674.35
Architectural Services	£989.03	£7,920.00
Heritage Consultants	£0.00	£0.00
Quantity surveyors	£0.00	£0.00
	£12,200.31	£14,210.96
Heritage Engagment Officer		
Main Project Contractors	£22,647.00	£257,920.24
Other contractors and suppliers	£15,750.51	£27,847.63
Project Management Services	£3,091.21	£480.00
Laptops, Tablets, Peripherals	£0.00	£835.08
Training (MVA)	£183.30	£1,211.20
ALM	£0.00	£1,281.91
Insurance	£364.92	£0.00
Hall Storage	£0.00	£2,200.00
Transfer to FoAS account	£6,844.00	£1,060.16
Building Control Certificate	£0.00	£398.58
Misc	£0.00	£507.13
Total NL HF Payments	£62,070.28	£315,872.89
Total Payments	£85,285.16	£407,547.24

Debtors 31st March 2023

Debtors 31st March 2022

£375.00
£10,000.00
£6,474.79
£6,844.00
£23,693.79

Creditors 31st March 2023

Creditors 31st March 2022

£1,283.65
£0.00
£1,200.00
£12,000.00
£3,451.00
£17,934.65

Friends of All Saints Church
Summary of Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2023

FoAS Community Account	Year to 31/03/23	Year to 31/03/22
Subscriptions	£1,488.00	£1,468.00
Sundry Donations	£0.00	£603.49
		£2,071.49
Grants		
Bernard Sunley	£0.00	£5,000.00
MVA Test Bed	£0.00	£2,328.50
Kent Community Foundation	£2,200.00	£2,344.00
Veolia Trust	£1,250.00	£11,250.00
Friends of Kent Churches	£0.00	£0.00
Co-op	£2,287.28	£2,035.00
		£22,957.50
Other		
Proceeds sale of land	£0.00	£20,344.83
LPOW Grant scheme VAT reclaim	£0.00	£3,837.92
HMRC Gift Aid refunded	£0.00	£1,075.37
Refunds from supplier E.ON Next	£755.11	£0.00
MVA Focus Groups	£300.00	£0.00
Ticket source	£238.84	£0.00
Transfers from NLHF	£7,287.73	£1,060.16
Refunds from suppliers	£19.38	£18.10
Compensation received	£0.00	£150.00
Rental income of church	£0.00	£60.00
Cash in to Barclays	£223.95	£0.00
SumUp payments	£1,513.00	£0.00
		£26,546.38
Total FoAS Acc Receipts	£17,563.29	£51,575.37
NL HF Account		
Grants		
NLHF	£77,158.80	£253,169.74
		£253,169.74
HMRC VAT reclaim LPOW Scheme	£9,751.98	£40,698.47
Sponsorship ALM Goathams	£0.00	£1,600.00
Transfer from FoAS account	£1,028.18	£5,681.16
Church Commissioners (chancel)	£6,844.00	£0.00
Counter Credit Barclays	£401.70	£0.00
Refunds from suppliers	£22.20	£552.14
Total NLHF receipts	£95,206.86	£7,833.30
Total NLHF Account receipts		£301,701.51
Total receipts	£112,770.15	£353,276.88

Friends of All Saints Church, Registered Charity Number 11817164
Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31st March 2023

	Year to 31.03.2023	Year to 31.03.2022
Total receipts	£112,770.15	£353,276.88
Less total payments	£85,285.16	<u>£407,547.24</u>
Surplus/deficit for year	£27,484.99	<u>£54,270.36</u>
Bank balances at start of period		
FoAS community account	£9,559.14	£49,658.12
NL HF community account	£5,005.33	<u>£19,176.71</u>
Total balances B/F	£14,564.47	<u>£68,834.83</u>
Add surplus for the period	£27,484.99	
Subtract deficit for the period		£54,270.36
Total balances C/F	£42,049.46	£14,564.47
 Represented by:		
Bank balances at end of period		
FoAS community account	£3,907.55	£49,658.12
NL HF community account	<u>£38,141.91</u>	<u>£19,176.71</u>
Total balances C/F	<u>£42,049.46</u>	<u>£68,834.83</u>

I have examined the Accounts of the Friends of All Saints Church for the Year to 31st March 2023, together with the accounting Records, and report that proper accounting records have been kept and the accounts are in accordance with those records.

The Financial Statements were approved and the Accounts authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALLHALLOWS

England & Wales - Charity number 1181764

Accounts



Friends of All Saints

Friends of All Saints Church, Allhallows

Trustee's Report and Financial Statements for the
period 1st April 2021 to 31st Mar 2022





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Report of the Trustees

The trustees, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st Mar 2022. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice

Administrative details

Registered Charity Number: 1181764 Registered

Address: The Rectory
Cooling Road
High Halstow
KENT
ME3 9PH

Trustees:

Stephen Dennis Danton - Chair

Stephen Peter Proud - Treasurer

Mark Skudder- Secretary – resigned October 2021

Rev. Stephen Gary Gwilt

Colin Ian Davis

Richard William Yelton

Staff: NONE (everyone is a volunteer) Independent Examiner: Margot

Sturt (PDM OU)

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Website: www.allsaintschurchallhallows.com

Governance

The Charity is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) The Charity's Constitution is the primary governing document of the Charity.

The Friends of All Saints, Allhallows was registered with the Charity Commission on 28th January 2019. Prior to this, the Friends of All Saints first started in 2013, as an unincorporated organisation.

Vision

The Friends of All Saints, Allhallows ("FoAS") is a registered charity initially set up in 2013 in response to a recognised need to provide financial and physical support for the fabric and surrounding grounds of All Saints Church, Allhallows, Rochester KENT.

The vision of FoAS is to preserve and protect the fabric, fixtures, moveables and churchyard of All Saints Church, Allhallows, as a place of worship and as a building of historical and architectural merit.

Background

The Friends of All Saints was formed in 2013 following the threat of closure of the building and when it became obvious that the congregation was finding it increasingly difficult to maintain the church as it had been doing for hundreds of years.

The outcome of this was a decision made to commence fund raising activities and devise a programme

based on the age-old concept of “use it or lose it”!

Objectives and activities

Charitable objectives

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

- * To improve and protect the church building, to make it useful to all in the community for another thousand years.
- * To increase knowledge and understanding of the local history of the church and the surrounding area
- * To increase community events for all
- * To improve support and awareness of, and for, local residents who may be lonely or infirm
- * To introduce sustainable systems for building, heating, lighting plumbing etc., wherever possible and practical.

Meeting a Need

FoAS aims to achieve its vision by continuing to fundraise locally and host various fundraising events. At the same time, FoAS aims to seek substantial fundraising opportunities, by developing its ambitious plan to enhance the purpose and use of the building and attract funding proportionate to its vision. FoAS is currently still working on their project “Jewel in the Marshlands- Enhancing our Community Heritage”, which has a completion date of 31st October 2022. Made possible by National Lottery players, the project aims to protect and promote the unique and deep heritage of the church and its area, making the building the focal point for exploring and celebrating the heritage of our church and community. In 2018, the NLHF (National Lottery Heritage Fund) awarded a Round One grant. In March 2020, the NLHF awarded a grant for Stage Two of the project. The finances for the project will last until July 2022, but the project itself will be an ongoing schedule of activities to develop the building as a ‘community hub’ that will engage with local residents and a wide selection of the public.

At approximately 1,000 years old, this Grade One listed building is the oldest building in Allhallows and is steeped in history.

The Project aims to reach audiences with the following heritage themes:

1. All Saints Church
2. Life in Allhallows through the centuries
3. Significance of Allhallows in defence

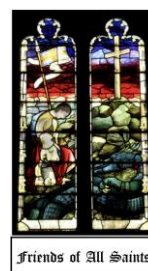
The project will upgrade the building, so that it can become a multi-use facility that excels at education and entertainment for members of the public. The building has stood for 1,000 years and FoAS want to make sure that it remains a relevant and useful building for a further 1,000 years. The project will include essential preservation/maintenance work and the installation of multi-media equipment and improved heating/ lighting. An educational programme is also planned and will aim to engage with the local interested parties, the tourism trade and as many local schools as possible in the area, with volunteers provided with appropriate training so they can help keep a sustainable interest in the building. FoAS are also seeking to engage and provide for diverse community groups, such as people living with dementia and their carer’s, as well as others in the Parish with disabilities.

Mentioned in William the Conqueror’s Domesday Book, All Saints Church, Allhallows embodies architectural styles and features from almost every era of British History, reflecting the political and ecclesiastical changes of the country through time. The church also boasts some of the best kept records in the country, dating back to 1629. The front door and Rood Screen are original Tudor Oak, dating back to the era of Henry VIII.

The Charity’s Trustees have complied with their duties under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Public Benefit

As with the reporting year 2020/21 the covid pandemic significantly impacted the FoAS public benefit activities, which are intended to illustrate the commitment and hard work of the Charity for the ultimate benefit of the community. As for the previous reporting year these were once again extremely limited over the 2021/22 reporting year. A significant amount of preparation and planning work for public benefit activities going forward and through 2021/22 was undertaken by our Heritage Engagement Officer (HEO). Our HEO is a part-time, 3 days per week consultant, who has been working for us since November 2020 and will remain in our employ, at a minimum until the end of October 2022. As noted in the 2020/21 report, with additional fundraising, our plan is to continue to retain her services for three to five years if possible.



Summary of 2021-2022

The year 2021 to 2022 was one, which in common with almost every other organization across the world, continued to be overshadowed and impacted by the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, by the end of March 2021 the external construction and maintenance work was underway, albeit with delays due to (i) sourcing and delivery of materials and (ii) a shortage of labour on site to maintain the planned completion targets. The stated completion date for the project initially remained as July 2021 although we had a further setback as the issue of the faculty for the internal works by the Diocesan Advisory Committee was subject to some delay and was not made available until 23rd June 2021. The completion date was revised a number of times after this and eventually was set at November 2021. Despite these delays, we are pleased to report on another productive year for the Friends of All Saints (FoAS) and we reached a point that clearly visually demonstrates the full extent of the work that has taken place.

As previously reported our principal contractor took over the church site from the 2nd February 2021 and work commenced in that same week. Despite the bad weather at the earlier part of 2021, although not one of the best of years, from March 2021 onwards the weather was much improved. The Nave and north and south nave aisle roofs were completed around early June and improvements incorporated the installation of insulation material and roofing felt, neither of which had previously been part of the construction. All work had to be carried out in accordance with a plan produced by our ecologist following the discovery of a minor bat roost at the time of the ecological survey. Additionally, as anticipated, given the age of the church building and the limited maintenance that had taken place over the past 100 or more years, a lot of additional work was encountered that had to be costed into the overall project budget.

Fund raising continued to be an area of significant interest even after the National Award as we were very aware that additional funds were going to be required to sufficiently meet all of the ambitious plans for the Jewel in the Marshlands project. As our approved accounts show we managed to raise an additional sum to the value of just under £21,000, which was additional to our fund-raising sum of £42,469 in the previous year. Additionally, we benefited to the sum of £20,345, which was received from the proceeds of the sale of land (formerly the site of Allhallows Scout's hut) in Allhallows, restricted solely for All Saints Church to use.

Allhallows Life Magazine

As previously noted in the 2020-2021 Annual Report, A C Goatham & Son, had continued to support us for a further year of sponsorship for the publication of the Allhallows Life Magazine (that is, till the end of 2022). Unfortunately, the editor of the Magazine moved out of the area, and we were unable to find a replacement to take us beyond March. However, we advised A C Goatham as our sponsor and are continuing to look for someone to fill this position.

List of main FoAS community activities planned for 2021/22

As well as recommencing our regular first Saturday of the month tea and coffee afternoons from January 2022, our part-time Heritage Engagement Officer, was very busy in developing a programme and schedule for the remainder of the 2021-22 period as well as for the upcoming 2022-23 period. In particular, Allhallows Primary Academy has benefited from some newly developed activities that are described in more detail below and additionally, discussions took place with some of our key partners so that we could begin to work on and develop ideas for activities through into the next reporting year. The list of planned activities is presented below.

Heritage Engagement Officer work summary from November 2021 – March 2022

The delays with the completion of the building work clearly hindered the delivery of activities. However, we did hold a heritage Open day in September, which was very successful and local people were pleased to see the amount of work that has been going on. In addition, we hosted a number of other events, which are described below.

- We held our first public events on 18th September as part of the Heritage Open Days scheme. A guided heritage walk of Allhallows was attended by 24 people and this was followed by an open afternoon with refreshments and heritage/project displays, using part of the church which was accessible. Over 40 people attended. This was promoted on the Heritage Open days website alongside our other marketing routes and a post-event press release was sent to the local newspapers.
- We hosted the PCC Christmas fair at the church on Friday 3rd December from 5pm till 8pm, which was jointly with our other parish church. Over 200 people attended this event and over 15 external stall holders took part alongside church stalls. School pupils were also in attendance opening the fair with carol singing.
- In November we started a six-week activity programme working in partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust to deliver our 'making Connections' wellbeing and social isolation project (Funded locally by the Test Bed Fund). We were recently awarded a small grant from Medway Voluntary Action from the Test Bed fund to the sum of £2,328.50. A similar six-week activity programme will be repeated in the Spring.

- A local florist held two Christmas wreath making sessions which were very popular, and we are in discussions to hold future seasonal sessions in the church.
- We were awarded £2,344 from Kent Community Foundation, which we used for Play on Words (a key partner) to produce a series of 3 or 4 mini character videos, which were pieced together into one 30-40-minute-long piece. This project also works in partnership with Slough Fort, another heritage location in Allhallows. The mini videos were focused on some of the main people who have featured prominently in Allhallows' past. The tales were narrated by a key character dressed in the style of the Victorian era and reflected on some of the tales from the past using the information we had researched. We identified several characters based on the current historical information we have access too, connected to the military and smuggling past and of the De Pimpe or Copinger families.
- Activities with the school visiting the church were scheduled to commence in the 2022 early Winter months with some activities having already taken place with the school including the virtual sessions in March with the Architect and Stonemason.
- In September 2021 a whole school 'Lammas day' activity celebration, supported by our HEO, delivered an assembly, and helped out in each class. Over 170 pupils were involved and parents. Going forward, now that this work has been completed, we are planning to engage with other key partners and to look at delivering a diverse range of activities within the church across all ages, with both one-off and regular activities taking place.
- Installation of the new AV system and new hearing loop was not completed in full until the beginning of January due to a delay in the delivery of the projector lens. However, everything is now completed and is working very well.
- We continued with our focus on the development of volunteer recruitment and now have 22 registered volunteers. Many of these are volunteering for several different roles, including existing and new roles.
- We continued to advertise for volunteers to support our oral history programme and our new 'Making Connections' wellbeing and social isolation project, alongside other ongoing roles within the church and had some useful success in this area.
- Volunteers undertook training in October 2021 for oral history and for food hygiene and safeguarding (20th) to ensure they have the necessary skills and knowledge to support activities within our planned Hub Café.
- Around a third of our registered volunteers have signed up to the Tempo Time Credits scheme, to receive rewards for their volunteer time.
- Initial meetings took place in 2021 with Rochester Guildhall Museum as we shall be offering 2 bespoke sessions using the church features in early 2022. One of these sessions will focus on sound (the church bell) and the other on light (particularly, through the stained-glass windows). The local school are keen to be involved. We are awaiting the completion of the building works to carry out a final activity session plan and risk assessment. We had initially planned to run these sessions before the end of this reporting year, but they will now be shifted into the start of the 2022-23 period.
- Our Co-op community funded youth project working in partnership with 'Raising Youth' is now in the planning stages and we are meeting with the local youth club soon with a view to start delivery in April/May 2022 once we have secured adequate funding to start running the sessions. Further details and outcomes of this will be included in the 2022-23 report.
- We had a meeting with Age UK in February to put plans in place for starting regular sessions in the church for those living with dementia. However, here is now some significant delay with this due to staffing issues with AgeUK and we are waiting until this is resolved.
- Discussions are ongoing with wHooCares (a local Community Interest Company) and we are looking at specific activities that some of the wHooCares clients could be involved in.
- With regards to the development of the church as a Community Hub we now have a Focus Group Leader trained by Medway Voluntary Action who will be running approximately 4 focus groups a year on various health topics.
- A lot of discussion and planning has been taking place with regards to setting up and establishing our Community Hub café. It is anticipated that this will be in place by Summer 2022 as there is a lot of work to be done, such as more training of volunteers and a food safety and hygiene inspection taking place before we can open. A meeting has also taken place with the Diocese Community Hub representative to discuss our plans and to establish whether we need any additional support.
- Finally, we continue to share the project and any church events on social media, in the local community magazine, through the school newsletter and on our website.

Church Recording

The formal recording of all the church fixtures, fittings, and main articles, that commenced in 2019 has still not resumed, despite the work now being complete within the church. We shall be re-establishing contact with the church recording team and with support from our rained volunteers will take steps to resume and complete this activity. Once completed, a copy of the recording will go to the V&A museum; another copy to the Diocese and a further copy will be retained by the church.

Going forward from 2022 to 2023

Obviously, we are looking forward to completing our project and submitting our evaluation report and final completion report later this year. This date has been moved from the planned completion of July to the end of October. The hard work of our HEO will by that time put us in a position whereby we have all our key partnerships and activities in place that we can

begin to roll-out for the long-term benefit of the communities of Allhallows and surrounding villages on the Hoo Peninsula.

S D Danton
December 2022

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31st March 2022

	<u>Year to</u>	<u>Year to</u>
	<u>31-02-22</u>	<u>31-03-21</u>
Total Receipts	£353,276.88	£111,565.46
Less Total Payments	£407,547.24	£58,042.70
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>-£54,270.36</u>	<u>£53,522.76</u>
Bank Balances at start of period		
Community Account	£49,658.12	£10,111.52
HLF Account	£19,176.71	£5,200.55
Total Balances brought forward	<u>£68,834.83</u>	<u>£15,312.07</u>
Add surplus for the period		£53,522.76
Subtract Deficit for the period	-£54,270.36	
Total Balances carried forward	<u>£14,564.47</u>	<u>£68,834.83</u>
Represented by:-		
Bank Balances at end of period		
Community Account	£9,559.14	£49,658.12
NLHF Account	£5,005.33	£19,176.71
Total Balances carried forward	<u>£14,564.47</u>	<u>£68,834.83</u>

I have examined the Accounts of The Friends of All Saints Church for the Year to 31st March 2022, together with the Accounting Records, and report that proper accounting records have been kept and the accounts are in accordance with those records.

Margot Sturt Dip.Mgt. 23/11/2022

The Financial Statements were approved and The Accounts authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Registered Charity number 11817164

Summary of Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2022

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT		Year to 31/03/22	Year to 31/03/21
SUBSCRIPTIONS		£1,468.00	£1,598.00
SUNDRY DONATIONS		£603.49	£5,080.13
GRANTS:-			
Bernard Sunley	£5,000.00		£0.00
MVA Test Bed	£2,328.50		£0.00
Kent Community Funding	£2,344.00		£0.00
Veolia Trust	£11,250.00		£12,500.00
Friends of Kent Churches	£0.00		£11,000.00
Co-op	£2,035.00		£2,647.65
Garfield Weston	£0.00		£10,000.00
All Churches Trust	£0.00		£9,000.00
Lawson Trust	£0.00		£4,000.00
		£22,957.50	£49,147.65
Money from PCC being proceeds of Sale of Land in Allhallows restricted for Allhallows Church		£20,344.83	£0.00
LPOW Grant Scheme VAT recovered		£3,837.92	£0.00
HMRC Gift Aid refunded (re earlier years)		£1,075.37	£0.00
EVENTS:- No events were held due to COVID and then the NLHF Project.		£0.00	£0.00
Transfers from NLHF		£1,060.16	
Refunds given by Suppliers		£18.10	£0.00
Compensation received		£150.00	£0.00
Rental income of Church Space		£60.00	£0.00
Total Community Account Receipts		£51,575.37	£55,825.78
NLHF ACCOUNT			
GRANTS:-			
NHLF		£253,169.74	£18,139.68
Goatham and Sons Ltd		£0.00	£11,000.00
Beatrice Lang		£0.00	£4,000.00
John Marshall		£0.00	£10,000.00
		£253,169.74	£43,139.68
LPOW Grant Scheme VAT Recovered		£40,698.47	£0.00
Sponsorship Allhallows life Magazine Goathams		£1,600.00	£1,600.00
Transfer from Community Account		£5,681.16	£11,000.00
Refunds given by suppliers		£552.14	£0.00
Total NLHF Account Receipts		£301,701.51	£55,739.68
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£353,276.88	£111,565.46

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Summary of Payments for the Year ended 31st March 2022

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT		Year to 31-03-22	Year to 31-03-21
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovation of Church		£80,222.20	£425.49
Fund Raising incl Allhallows Life Magazine		£0.00	£1,850.11
Equipment and Supplies		£388.67	£0.00
Transfers to NLHF Account		£5,681.16	£11,000.00
Other payments		£0.00	£494.58
Third Party payment returned to Veolia		£0.00	£2,500.00
Broadband etc		£244.19	£0.00
Donation for Noticeboards		£500.00	£0.00
Activities Play on Words Theatre and Kent Wildlife		£3,925.00	£0.00
Gas		£609.54	£0.00
Misc		£103.59	£9.00
Total Community Account Payments		£91,674.35	£16,279.18
Architectural Services		£7,920.00	£10,596.00
Heritage Consultants		£0.00	£1,575.20
Quantity Surveyors		£0.00	£7,920.00
Heritage Engagement Officer		£14,210.96	£4,374.60
Main Project Contractors		£257,920.24	£13,186.38
Other contractors and suppliers		£27,847.63	£0.00
Project Management Services	H & S	£480.00	£1,464.00
Laptops, Tablets, Peripherals		£835.08	£1,433.87
Training		£1,211.20	£127.88
Allhallows Life Magazine		£1,281.91	£290.98
Insurance		£0.00	£524.36
Hall Storage		£2,200.00	£200.00
Transfer to FoAS Community Account		£1,060.16	£0.00
Building Control Certificate		£398.58	£0.00
Misc		£507.13	£70.25
Total HLF Account Payments		£315,872.89	£41,763.52
Total Payments		£407,547.24	£58,042.70
Debtors 31st March 2022			
HMR&C Gift Aid		£375.40	£1,070.00
NLHF Stage Payment		£10,000.00	£13,214.00
DCMS LPOW Grant VAT Refund		£6,474.79	£2,958.00
Chancel Roof Repairs		£6,844.00	£0.00
		£23,694.19	£17,242.00
Creditors 31st March 2022			
Mrs J Glanfield		£1,283.65	£1,368.00
Hall Storage		£0.00	£300.00
Magazine sponsorship in advance		£1,200.00	£1,200.00
Main Contractors and Architect		£12,000.00	£0.00
Hikes Booklet/Leaflets/Museum		£3,451.00	£0.00
		£17,934.65	£2,868.00

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALLHALLOWS

England & Wales - Charity number 1181764

Accounts



Friends of All Saints

Friends of All Saints Church, Allhallows

Trustee's Report and Financial Statements for the
period 1st April 2020 to 31st Mar 2021





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Report of the Trustees

The trustees, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st Mar 2021. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice

Administrative details

Registered Charity Number: 1181764

Registered Address: Cooling Road
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ME3 9PH

Trustees:

Stephen Dennis Danton - Chair

Stephen Peter Proud - Treasurer

Mark Skudder - Secretary

Rev. Stephen Gary Gwilt

Colin Ian Davis

Richard William Yelton

Staff: NONE (everyone is a volunteer) **Independent Examiner:**

Margot Sturt (PDM OU)
32 Willowbank Drive
High Halstow
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Governance

The Charity is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) The Charity's Constitution is the primary governing document of the Charity.

The Friends of All Saints, Allhallows was registered with the Charity Commission on 28th January 2019. Prior to this, the Friends of All Saints first started in 2013, as an unincorporated organisation.

Vision

The Friends of All Saints, Allhallows ("FoAS") is a registered charity initially set up in 2013 in response to a recognised need to provide financial and physical support for the fabric and surrounding grounds of All Saints Church, Allhallows, Rochester KENT.

The vision of FoAS is to preserve and protect the fabric, fixtures, moveables and churchyard of All Saints Church, Allhallows, as a place of worship and as a building of historical and architectural merit.

Background

The Friends of All Saints was formed in 2013 following the threat of closure of the building and when it became obvious that the congregation was finding it increasingly difficult to maintain the church as it had been doing for hundreds of years.

The outcome of this was a decision made to commence fund raising activities and devise a programme based on the age-old concept of "use it or lose it"!

Objectives and activities

Charitable objectives

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

- * To improve and protect the church building, to make it useful to all in the community for another thousand years.
- * To increase knowledge and understanding of the local history of the church and the surrounding area
- * To increase community events for all
- * To improve support and awareness of, and for, local residents who may be lonely or infirm
- * To introduce sustainable systems for building, heating, lighting plumbing etc., wherever possible and practical.

Meeting a Need

FoAS aims to achieve its vision by continuing to fundraise locally and host various fundraising events. At the same time, FoAS aims to seek substantial fundraising opportunities, by developing its ambitious plan to enhance the purpose and use of the building and attract funding proportionate to its vision. FoAS is currently working on their project "Jewel in the Marshlands- Enhancing our Community Heritage". Made possible by National Lottery players, the project aims to protect and promote the unique and deep heritage of the church and its area, making the building the focal point for exploring and celebrating the heritage of our church and community. In 2018, the NLHF (National Lottery Heritage Fund) awarded a Round One grant. In March 2020, the NLHF awarded a grant for Stage Two of the project. The finances for the project will last until July 2022, but the project itself will be an ongoing schedule of activities to develop the building as a 'community hub' that will engage with local residents and a wide selection of the public.

At approximately 1,000 years old, this Grade One listed building is the oldest building in Allhallows and is steeped in history.

The Project aims to reach audiences with the following heritage themes:

1. All Saints Church
2. Life in Allhallows through the centuries
3. Significance of Allhallows in defence

The project will upgrade the building, so that it can become a multi-use facility that excels at education and entertainment for members of the public. The building has stood for 1,000 years and FoAS want to make sure that it remains a relevant and useful building for a further 1,000 years. The project will include essential preservation/maintenance work and the installation of multi-media equipment and improved heating/ lighting. An educational programme is also planned and will aim to engage with the local interested parties, the tourism trade and as many local schools as possible in the area, with volunteers provided with appropriate training so they can help keep a sustainable interest in the building. FoAS are also seeking to engage and provide for diverse community groups, such as people living with dementia and their carers as well as others in the Parish with disabilities.

Mentioned in William the Conqueror's Domesday Book, All Saints Church, Allhallows embodies architectural styles and features from almost every era of British History, reflecting the political and ecclesiastical changes of the country through time. The church also boasts some of the best kept records in the country, dating back to 1629. The front door and Rood Screen are original Tudor Oak, dating back to the era of Henry VIII.

The Charity's Trustees have complied with their duties under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Public Benefit

Due to the covid pandemic and the National Lottery work being planned and then started at All Saints Church, the FoAS public benefit activities, which are intended to illustrate the commitment and hard work of the Charity for the ultimate benefit of the community, were extremely limited over the past year. There has however, been a lot of preparation and planning work for public benefit activities going forward into 2021/22 undertaken by our Heritage Engagement Officer, a part-time, 3 days per week consultant, who has been working for us since November 2020 and will remain in our employ, at a minimum until June 2022. With additional fundraising our plan is to retain her services for three to five years if possible.



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Summary of 2020-2021

The year 2020 to 2021 was one, which in common with almost every other organization across the world, was overshadowed by the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the National Lottery award in March 2020 the Board of Trustees knew that we would have to close the church down and indeed put all activities on hold until the Church construction and maintenance work, both externally and internally, was completed. However, what we didn't know in March 2020 was how much that the pandemic was going to impact us on the year ahead and, with the second wave that necessitated a second lockdown in the latter part of 2020. All of this had a significant impact on getting the tender for the church works out as well as on the evaluation of tenders after they were received with the subsequent putting in place of the contract. Despite these delays, we are pleased to report on another productive year for the Friends of All Saints (FoAS) although at this stage and at first sight, there is little in terms of evidence that is immediately visual that reveals how much has taken place.

After undertaking a value engineering exercise, we selected our preferred tender offer in November 2020, and it was agreed that work would commence in the New Year. Our principal contractor took over the church site from the 2nd February 2021 and work commenced in that same week. Unfortunately, the year did not get off to a good start in that month, or indeed in the months that followed, in terms of clement weather for the large-scale external work that was required. The Nave and north and south nave aisle roofs were a major part of these works and as anticipated, given the age of the church building and the limited maintenance that had taken place over the past 100 or more years, a lot of additional work was encountered that had to be costed into the overall project budget.

The church was temporarily re-opened in 2020 after various covid protection measures were put in place although with the rise in infections throughout October this was soon curtailed in line with the Guidance that was issued by the Diocese. During the period when the church was opened again, we ran a number of successful project days on the first Saturday of each month, which included the installation of new gate posts on the south path entrance gate as well as the undertaking of shrubbery control in the main cemetery. Throughout this time a number of church services were held, all of which were in accordance with the guidance that had been issued by the Diocese.

Since being awarded the Round Two National Lottery Heritage Fund grant in March 2020 the FoAS have continued to fund raise, and in total a further £66,000 has been raised that will hopefully be sufficient to meet all of the ambitious plans for the Jewel in the Marshlands project.

Allhallows Life Magazine

As previously noted in the 2019-2020 Annual Report, A C Goatham & Son, very kindly offered us a further year of sponsorship for the publication of the Allhallows Life Magazine. Despite the pandemic we have maintained the target of 10 publications per annum (published each month and distributed to all homes in Allhallows by volunteers, except in January and in August). The magazine continues with the aims of informing and entertaining residents of Allhallows and includes information on events from many varied groups in and around the village.

The image displays a grid of 10 magazine covers for 'Allhallows Life Magazine'. The covers are arranged in two rows of five. The top row covers the months of April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, Summer 2020 (July & August), and November 2020. The bottom row covers October 2020, October 2020, Winter Dec 20-Jan 21, Feb 21, and May 21. Each cover features a different theme and image, such as 'Through Fort gates', '1940-2020', 'MERRY CHRISTMAS', and 'HELLO TO YOU ALL'. Each cover includes a 'Welcome to Allhallows Life Magazine' message and a 'Keep yourselves safe, fit, healthy and take care!' notice.

List of main FoAS community activities planned for 2020/21

Whilst we have not been able to hold any events other than a couple of Saturday tea and coffee afternoons over the past twelve months, our part-time Heritage Engagement Officer, employed from November 2020 as part of the National Lottery funding award, has been very busy and Allhallows Primary Academy has benefited from some activities that are described in more detail below.

Heritage Engagement Officer work summary from November 2020 – March 2021

The disruption of the pandemic has meant that several activities have not taken place or been offered to date, this coupled with the delay in the completion of the church building works has meant that several planned community activities for the summer and for example, some of the larger events planned with the Allhallows Primary Academy have not taken place. However, despite the challenges in the past year several activities have been completed or developed and it has allowed additional planning time to prepare for when we are able to do more at the church, these include:

- There has been much focus on the development of volunteer recruitment, including the production and distribution to interested parties of new volunteer enquiry and registration forms, finalization of the volunteer policy, creation of an initial induction checklist, recruitment of new volunteers and sharing/updating the Time tempo Credit scheme.
- Firming up and strengthening of our partnership development with Age UK Medway, wHoocares, Raising Youth, Play on Words, Medway Swale Estuary Partnership (MSEP) the Guildhall Museum and Ideas test has progressed to a point where we shall be ready to implement some of the planned activities with these organisations as soon as the church building is once again ready and available for use.
- The church website has been totally redeveloped, working alongside volunteer Ash Williams from Raising Youth. This has now gone live and will continue to be added to and updated, as applicable, on a regular basis. Three volunteers have received training for website management from Ash Williams.
- A new partnership has been formed with Allhallows Academy, who are keen to make more use of the church and explore the local heritage. Once we can do so, we will be delivering the sound and light sessions led by the Guildhall Museum as well as some genealogy sessions.
- Four classes from Allhallows Primary Academy have taken part in 2 online video calls with the Architect and Stonemason to find out more about their roles and involvement with the work on the church.
- Significant effort has been put into Researching the Lost heritage days; Lammas day, Rogation Sunday, beating the Bounds and Plough Sunday. This has involved us working with a volunteer to create 4 PowerPoint presentations to be shared with the school and at future events. This year sharing of these has taken place on the FoAS Facebook page
- Development of the heritage walking trails continues, and routes have been discussed and agreed with the project team. Additionally, images have been collated and written information has been developed to accompany each of the different routes. This has now been passed to Medway Swale Estuary Partnership (MSEP), who are one of our key partners, for further development.
- A church leaflet has been developed and this has now been handed over to the developers Nebulo to be compiled and published in a form that visitors will be able to use and easily understand.
- First drafts have been produced for two external interpretation boards and discussions have taken place regarding other interpretation boards/plaques to be developed with locations being confirmed for their placement once the church is complete. Initial quotes for these have been sought.
- Training for website volunteers has taken place, with more training planned for the Autumn for the oral histories, food hygiene and safeguarding.
- Several articles have been written for the Allhallows community Life Magazine about the work of the Heritage Engagement Officer, with particular focus on lost heritage days and requests for volunteers. Additionally, the FoAS volunteer Project Manager for the National Lottery, Heritage Funded work has provided regular updates on work progress for incorporation in the ALM.
- The Facebook post on the FoAS page, has been used to provide project updates or share heritage information
- Various training courses have been undertaken by the HEO to support the community and heritage role and in some cases by volunteers to support the future activities that we shall be leading from the Church.
- The initial development of an educational pack has commenced in consultation with Allhallows Academy who will trial some of the activities once developed.

- The first public heritage walk planned for 18th Sept is being combined with the Heritage Open Days scheme with the plan being for the church to be open and able to share heritage information.

Church Recording

The formal recording of all the church fixtures, fittings and main articles, that commenced in 2019 will resume once work is complete within the church. Trained volunteers from the FoAS, will once again participate in the recording of All Saints Church when the activity resumes, hopefully in October this year. Once completed, a copy of the recording will go to the V&A museum; another copy to the Diocese and a further copy will be retained by the church.

Going forward from 2021 to 2022

Obviously, we are looking forward to completing all the work on the project later this year, with July being the planned completion date. The hard work of our HEO will by that time put us in a position whereby we have all our key partnerships and activities in place that we can begin to roll-out for the long-term benefit of the communities of Allhallows and surrounding villages on the Hoo Peninsula once we reopen the Church doors.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name <i>FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH</i>
On accounts for the year ended	Charity no (if any) <i>11817164</i>
Set out on pages	<i>1 - 3</i> <small>(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended <i>DD: 31 March 2021</i></p> <p>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>
Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or • the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>
Signed:	Date: <i>12th June 2021</i>
Name:	<i>MARGOT STURT</i>
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	<i>Professional Diploma Management (OU)</i>
Address:	<i>32 WILLOWBANK DRIVE HIGH HALSTOW ROCHESTER KENT ME3 8TW</i>

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31st March 2021

	Year to 31-03-21	Period 28-01-19 to 31-03-20
Total Receipts	£111,565.46	£42,289.44
Less Total Payments	<u>£58,042.70</u>	<u>£63,462.45</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>£53,522.76</u>	<u>(£21173.01)</u>
Bank Balances at start of period		
Community Account	£10,111.52	£9,235.08
HLF Account	<u>£5,200.55</u>	<u>£27,250.00</u>
Total Balances brought forward	£15,312.07	£36,485.08
Add surplus for the period	£53,522.76	
Subtract Deficit for the period		<u>(21173.01)</u>
Total Balances carried forward	<u>£68,834.83</u>	<u>£15,312.07</u>
Represented by:-		
Bank Balances at end of period		
Community Account	£49,658.12	£10,111.52
HLF Account	<u>£19,176.71</u>	<u>£5,200.55</u>
Total Balances carried forward	<u>£68,834.83</u>	<u>£15,312.07</u>

I have examined the Accounts of The Friends of All Saints Church for the Year to 31st March 2021, together with the Accounting Records, and report that proper accounting records have been kept and the accounts are in accordance with those records.

msturt
12/6/2021

The Financial Statements were approved and The Accounts authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:


(CHAIR) 30/6/2021