



Friends of All Saints

Friends of All Saints Church, Allhallows

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March
2025



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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 2024 to 31st March 2025

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
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Trustees:

Michael Turner – Chair

Richard William Yelton

Lynn Yelton - Treasurer

Stephen Danton

Julie Baker

Tony Baker

David Wallace

Not a Trustee Secretary Susan Turner

Staff: NONE (everyone is a volunteer) Independent Examiner: Angela McNaughton

Mrs Angela McNaughton (FATT ACMA)

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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.

Church, The vision of FoAS is to preserve and protect the fabric, fixtures, moveable's and churchyard of All Saints

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 Lotter 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



Summary of 2024-2025

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.

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, new equipment for the Café has been purchased over the year as well as replacements for worn equipment

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. 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 second successful visit and the award of a food hygiene rating by the Medway Environmental Health Department, we open 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. 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.

As well as continuing with our regular first Saturday of the month tea and coffee afternoons,

- 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 and has a growing membership
- we 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.

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 a 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

Payments for year ending 31st March 2022

	<u>This year</u> £	Previous year £
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>
	£	£
	15,7	
Total Receipts for the year	69	15,164
	11,6	
Total payments for the year	14	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>34,795</u>	<u>30,930</u>



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Independent examiner's report
on the accounts

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.:

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
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Section B	Disclosure
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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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