

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARTIN'S GOSPEL OAK
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES TO 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CHARITY NO. 1192518)

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the Friends of St Martin's Gospel Oak is to assist the Incumbent (or, in the absence of an incumbent, the lawful minister in charge) and the Parochial Church Council in the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of the Parish Church of St Martin with St Andrew Kentish Town in the Diocese of London for the benefit of all residents of the ecclesiastical parish of St Martin with St Andrew Kentish Town, the London Borough of Camden, the surrounding area, and all who are interested in historical buildings; and of the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in the church and churchyard belonging to the Church.

The Patron of the Friends is Sir Michael Palin.

The activities of the charity are fundraising by membership subscription, events, grant applications, and general donations. In planning their activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

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The Parish was without an Incumbent for nine months after the Reverend Carol Barrett Ford moved to new parish, no new initiatives were undertaken during the year.

The Trustees would like to thank the late Martin Rainsford, the Reverend Carol Barrett Ford and former Friends Secretary Dr Alun Ford for their work on behalf of the Friends of St Martin's Gospel Oak.

In September 2024 The Reverend Martin Andrew Kwapong, the new Incumbent of St Martin's Gospel Oak, became ex officio chair of the charity.

Financial Review

The charity generated a surplus of £50.71 in the year to 31 December 2024. Total income was £100.71

Total expenditure was £60. Operating expenses consisted only of banking fees.

The Trustees have not considered it necessary to set a formal level of reserve which the Charity is required to maintain. The level of grant expenditure is entirely at the discretion of the Trustees and is set with reference to annual income. The nature of the Charity's activities is such that was possible to maintain sufficient funds in the bank to meet any liabilities as they fell due. The Trustees have considered the risks inherent in the Charity and taken steps to minimise such risk. Income is only recognised when it is received and accordingly further income may be due to the

Charity and such income be accounted for in future years if and when it is received.

Structure and Governance

The Charity is governed by a governing document dated 20 February 2020. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales (no. 1192518).

The Incumbent of St Martin's Gospel Oak is *ex officio* chair of the Parochial Church Council. The management and finance of the two organisations are, however, entirely separate. In 2024 Mr Martin Rainsford a Churchwarden of St Martin's Gospel Oak was an *ex officio* member of the PCC.

The Trustees are responsible under the provisions of the Charity Act 2011 for the preparation of accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Friends and of its income and expenditure for the year.

Administrative Details

TRUSTEES	The Revd Martin Andrew Kwapong (chair from October 2024)		
	Mr Michael Farrant		
	Ms Laurel Fleck		
	Sir Laurence Magnus		
	Mr Martin Rainsford		
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	St Martin's Vicarage 26 Vicar's Road London NW5 4NL	BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd 25 King's Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



The Rev'd Martin Andrew Kwapong
21st January 2026



Mr Michael Farrant
21st January 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY NO. 1192518

	2023	2024
	£	£
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		
Donations & membership fees	170.00	100.00
Events	nil	nil
Bank interest	10.50	10.71
TOTAL INCOME	180.50	100.71
EXPENDITURE		
Bank fees	60.00	60.00
Disbursement for events	nil	nil
Website	nil	nil
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	60	60
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	120.50	110.71
Total funds brought forward	5183.45	5303.95
Total funds carried forward	5303.95	5354.66

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