



FRIENDS OF ST PETER & ST PAUL, EWHURST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT January – December 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1196479

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Objectives: To promote the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of the church building, including, but not limited to, monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in the church and churchyard belonging to the church.
The advancement of the education of the public in the heritage and conservation of the church building and its environment.

Summary of Main Activities in 2024:

Fund Raising FSPSP continued to fundraise through involving the local community:

The Easter Market in March was another success and continues to be well supported.

Christmas card sales were down on last year but compensated for by an increase in logo item sales.

Quiz Evenings: The Friends were well supported at both the Village Quiz Evening and at the Bulls Head Quiz Evening.

Donations. These included Wolfson Trust £7,000, private donors £4,000, Ewhurst Secret Gardens Event £1,000 and Ellens Green Mission Hall Fund £600.

The main activity was the **Family Fun Day** at the Sayers Croft Activity Centre that was well supported and raised £5,563.

Visits: We have hosted many visits from both nearby and London Schools to the church while based at the Sayers Croft Activity Centre. The schools have tailor-made history sessions to suit their needs. The highlight is a visit to the bell tower. A notice asking church visitors to write in the Visitors Book is now in place and visiting schools are encouraged to write in it

Visiting local U3A groups and the village school have also had history sessions, aided by our Ewhurst History Society Trustee.

FSPSP has put up special stewarded History displays during Heritage weekends and the Parish Fete. Again, a positive response from all involved.



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Repairs:

A number of repairs to the church building were carried out by the PCC without the need for financial support from our charity.

An initial application was submitted for a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant of over £250,000 to help fund the urgently needed repairs to the south transept roof and upper stonework, plus the stonework on the bell tower. After submission, HLF advised us to resubmit to a lower HLF grant of below £250,000 as this would be more accessible for us. An application for £220,00 was submitted but the application was turned down, but we can resubmit next year. Both applications included adding improved audio visual equipment in the church and talks were held with local schools and youth groups as to how they can become involved in planned drama events linked to the history of the church and the village. All responses have been positive.

Contribution made by volunteers

These activities could not have been achieved without our hard-working volunteers, who make it clear that they come because they enjoy meeting people as much as they help support FSPSP. They see the church as the heart of the community and value its history

Achievements and Performance

- We raised an additional £30,680 for the charity that will be used towards repairs to the church building.
- We identified repair work that needed doing and monitored the PCC as the work was done.
- In addition, we ran events to promote the work of the charity, the history of the church and to explain the restoration work.

Risk statement

We have identified the following major key risks and have risk mitigation procedures for their control:

- Loss of key trustees with adequate range of skills (trustees are all elderly)
- Failure to attract the level of funding to meet the charity's restoration/repair objectives

The Trustees have agreed to take the following actions to further mitigate/manage these risks:

- Recruit an additional, younger trustee with appropriate skills (when needed)
- Co-opt a volunteer/ employee with relevant skills when required
- Research additional grant sources
- Set up a legacy scheme

The Trustees will monitor progress and review these major risks every year or more regularly if needed.



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Financial Review

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, EWHURST ACCOUNTS 2024

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT - Jan - Dec 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Regular Donations	£6,806	£6,825	£7,167
One-Off Donations	£13,024	£965	£10,988
Gift Aid & VAT refunds	£1,047	£1,200	£5,201
Total Donations	£20,877	£8,990	£23,356
 Easter Market	 £1,971	 £1,839	 £2,264
Secret Gardens	£1,000	£2,000	
Events	£700	£1,416	£1,037
Spanish Evening		£4,350	
Family Fun Day	£5,563		£5,951
Logo Sales & Books	£111	£79	£52
Christmas Cards	£255	£385	£328
Total Fund Raising	£9,599	£10,068	£9,632
Interest	£897	£43	
TOTAL INCOME	£31,374	£19,101	£32,989
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Admin cost	-£608	-£770	-£523
Bank charges	-£86	-£9	-£73
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£694	-£780	-£596
 NET INCOME	£30,680	£18,321	£32,393

BALANCE SHEET - 31st December 2024

Zempler Account	£4,033	£9,485	£25,778
Barclays Current Account	£39,554	£3,845	£29,905
Barclays Deposit Account	£60,941	£60,043	
Cash in hand	£0	£350	
	£104,528	£73,723	£55,683
 Represented By:			
Opening Balances 1st Jan			
Zempler Account	£9,485	£55,683	£23,290
Barclays Current Account	£3,845		
Barclays Deposit Account	£60,043		
Cash in hand	£350		
Debtors	£126		
Net Income	£30,680	£18,321	£32,393
Prepayments & accruals		-£156	
Debtors	£0	-£126	
NET ASSET VALUE	£104,528	£73,723	£55,683



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The accounts for the year have been externally reviewed by Mr. Neil Doody, The Forge, The Village, Finchampstead, Berks, RG40 4JN, he is a retired chartered accountant.

We have bank current accounts with Zempler Bank and Barclays Bank and a deposit account with Barclays. We limit the balance at Zempler to under £5,000 and transfer the remainder to Barclays.

These funds are being left to accumulate until the next stage of restoration is started, which will be after we receive more grant funding. The next project is to restore the roof of the south transept and make further repairs to the upper stonework and to the stonework on the bell tower, for which we need to raise over £350,000.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed and is an unincorporated association. The trustees comprise the rector and a churchwarden as ex-officio members and up to 6 elected members. The parish was in vacancy from February and so the ex-officio position of rector remains unfilled. There is also a vacancy for another trustee. The Trustees serve for a period of 3 years and are appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting. The ex-officio church warden member changed from Martin Lockwood to Anthony Gauvain.

Related Parties

Whereas the objective of the charity is to raise funds for the preservation and repair of the Church Building, the responsibility for carrying out this work rests with the PCC, with whom the charity works very closely.

List of Trustees

		Year appointed
Mary Jane Harry	Chair	2021
Jacqueline Helen Avery	Secretary	2021
Clive Anthony Ward	Treasurer	2021
Janice Margaret Allen		2021
Janet Mary Balchin		2022
Anthony Gauvain	(ex-officio churchwarden)	2024

There is a vacancy for the rector position.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Jane Harry
Chair
June 2, 2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>
Regular donations	6806
One off donations	13024
Books and Logo sales	255
Christmas Cards sales	111
Family Fun Day	5563
Easter Market	1971
Secret Gardens	1000
Other Events	700
Gift Aid and VAT refunds	1047
Interest received	<u>897</u>
	<u>31374</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
Administration costs	608
Bank charges	86
	<u>(694)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>30680</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

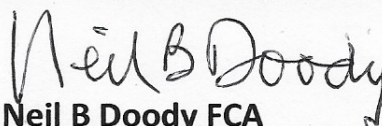
Balance at bank - Zempler account	4033
- Barclays current	39554
- Barclays deposit	<u>60941</u>
	<u>104528</u>

Represented by :-

General Fund

Balance as at 1 January 2024	73848
Surplus for the Year	<u>30680</u>
	<u>104528</u>

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account for the Year and the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024 from the records maintained by the Treasurer and certify that they are a True and fair view of the figures


Neil B Doody FCA

Chartered Accountant

Finchampstead Berkshire RG40 4JN

27 March 2025

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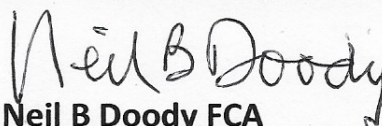
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