

# THE FRIENDS OF POLING CHURCH

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

**Trustees Annual Report for year ended 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**  
**Charity no 1198861**

### Structure governance and management

The Friends is a Charity and was registered with the Charities Commission on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022, and has registered with HMRC to claim gift aid from this date.

During the year the following served as Trustees of the Friends

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Mr Nigel Clutton    | Chairman           |
| Mr Peter Laverick   | Secretary          |
| Mr Richard Richards | Treasurer          |
| Mr Charles Loxley   | Mr William Maynard |
| Mr Ted Chandler     | Mr Ash Kent        |
| Mrs Athalia Atkins  |                    |

### Aim and Purposes

The primary objective of The Friends of Poling Church is to raise funds for the advancement of the Christian religion by maintaining and enhancing the Parish Church of St Nicholas Church Poling in the Diocese of Chichester, including its fabric, monuments, churchyard, curtilage, fences gates and its rights of way and as a resource in the development and assistance of the community, residents, and churchgoers of the Parish as delineated by the Diocesan map existing on the 1st of January 2021.

### Objectives and Activities

Our objectives are to raise funds to support the Charities aims by

1. Encouraging people to make regular donations by direct debit.
2. Running various " Village " events in conjunction with the P.C.C. This year we have had a Burns night Meal, an Autumn supper, a BBQ and several after church breakfasts.

### Review of the year

1. On February 21<sup>st</sup> the Friends took over management of "Norfolk Trust " and undertook to use the funds as specified by the Deed of Trust dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 1949.
2. The Trustees met twice in the year.
3. The fund raising events raised £1316 for the Friends .
4. Members donations amounted to £2530
5. Gift aid received was £882 and interest on investments was £420.
6. The Charity also made a donation to Keep Me Breathing.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by the Chairman Nigel Clutton

  
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Date.....

# **The Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Poling Church**

I report on the accounts of the friends for the year ended 21 March 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

As Trustees of the Friends you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') do not apply.

**It is my responsibility to:**

- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed .....

*V. J. Wellings*

Date

*18.06.2024*

**FRIENDS OF POLING CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
YEAR TO 21ST MARCH 2024**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1198861**

|                                             | <u>2024</u> |                   | <u>2023</u> |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| INCOME                                      |             |                   |             |           |
| Raffle                                      | £           | 561.92            | £           | -         |
| Breakfast events                            | £           | 182.10            | £           | 207.00    |
| DONATIONS                                   | £           | 60.00             | £           | 675.89    |
| Members donations                           | £           | 2,530.00          | £           | 3,426.56  |
| Interest received                           | £           | 420.28            |             |           |
| Gift Aid                                    | £           | 881.80            |             |           |
| summer bbq                                  | £           | 288.96            |             |           |
| Autumn Supper net cash profit               | £           | 93.70             | £           | -         |
| Burns night                                 | £           | 190.30            | £           | 360.00    |
| Prior year only:                            |             |                   |             |           |
| Christmas Fayre (Total £848: £437 to P.C.C) |             |                   | £           | 411.00    |
| Art Event catering                          |             |                   | £           | 174.94    |
| Film Nights                                 |             |                   | £           | 194.00    |
| Total Received                              | £           | 5,209.06          | £           | 5,449.39  |
| <u><b>EXPENDITURE</b></u>                   |             |                   |             |           |
| Investment in Charitable Funds              | £           | 10,000.00         |             |           |
| Purchase of projector and screen            |             |                   | £           | 275.89    |
| donation to Keep Me Breathing               | £           | 100.00            |             |           |
| donation snowdrop trust                     |             |                   | £           | 55.00     |
| donation St Barnabus                        |             |                   | £           | 55.00     |
|                                             | £           | 10,100.00         | £           | 385.89    |
| <u><b>NET SURPLUS/-DEFICIT</b></u>          |             |                   |             |           |
|                                             |             | <b>-£4,890.94</b> | £           | 5,063.50  |
| Represented by Lloyds bank balance          |             |                   |             |           |
| Balance BFWD 22nd March2022                 | £           | 15,619.10         | £           | 10,555.60 |
| Balance at 21st March 2023                  | £           | 10,728.16         | £           | 15,619.10 |
| Balance at bank                             | £           | 10,726.96         |             |           |
| cash in hand                                | £           | 1.20              |             |           |

**Notes**

- On 21st February 2024 The Norfolk Trust transferred all of its investments to the Friends of Poling Church and community. The Friends undertook to use these funds and the income derived from them for the purposes stated in the original Trust deed dated 4th February 1949  
The value of this investment as at 21st February 2024 was £ 562,735.76  
Balance at bank for "Norfolk" funds £ 4,300.46
- The Friends other assets comprise the Balance at Lloyds Bank £ 10,726.96  
Valuation of The Friends Investment with M & G CHARIFUND £ 10,100.00  
(cost £10,000)  
The Scramble Bell which is in St Nicholas Church £ 4,340.00  
The Projector and Screen £ 275.00