

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, BRECON

England & Wales · Charity number 1202893

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-05-02

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE RESTORATION, PRESERVATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH AND BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE MINISTRY AT THE CHURCH AND THE DAY-TO-DAY COSTS INCIDENTAL THERETO FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OR SUCCESSOR.

Activities: We support St Marys, Brecon by providing and assisting in the restoration, preservation, repair, improvement and beautification of St Marys church and by providing additional facilities and contributing towards the cost of maintaining the ministry at the church and the day to day costs incidental thereto for and on behalf of the Parochial Church Council or successor.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Powys

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£14,216	£1,282	-	-
2024-04-05	£3,350	£2,198	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER JENKINS	Chair	2023-04-30
Bernadette Rijnenberg		2023-10-26
Christopher Walsh		2023-10-26
Emma Hayes		2023-07-31
Fiona Morgan		2025-10-02
Joanna Davies		2024-10-03
Joanna Robinson-Davies		2025-10-02
Karen Hesketh		2023-04-30
Liam Hosie		2023-04-30
Margaret Rebecca Griffith		2023-07-31
Nicola Maughan		2023-04-30
Phillip Park		2023-04-30

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/4/2024 To: 31/3/2025

Charity name: Friends of St Mary's

Charity registration number: 1202893

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the Christian religion by providing and assisting in the restoration, preservation, repair, improvement and beautification of St Mary's church and by providing additional facilities and contributing towards the cost of maintaining the ministry at the church and the day-to-day costs incidental thereto for and on behalf of the Parochial Church Council or successor.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Raising money to support the church's vital work in the community and help preserve its architectural heritage. Priorities for fundraising are chosen from projects identified by St Mary's Vestry meetings. Funds have been raised at a series of monthly talks which have an entrance cost of £10 and at which people have been encouraged to sign up as Friends or to make a donation to the charity. We have also been successful with grant applications amounting to funds secured of £6000.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees met with a an advisor from Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations regarding guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Friends have maintained a good roll of Friends who continue to help to maintain a sense of community at St Mary's with more people focussed on the needs of the Church and its future. By the end of the financial year we had secured enough funds to replace the coverings on the external windows which have been identified as a need by St Mary's Vestry meetings. Fundraising continues in anticipation of future projects to support the Church.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity held £14,087 in the bank as of 31/3/25.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The cash held at bank is held as a resource for planned East window protection replacement
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£14,087
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None: FoSM is a "going concern"

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership ("Friend of St Marys") and donations received, including those from attendees at events. The entrance revenue from the Speaker Series has significantly helped our fundraising.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investment policy. All funds raised are used for improvement projects and held as cash at bank.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No financial risks. Public liability is covered by Event Insurance.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by existing Trustees (majority basis)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of St Mary's
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202893
Charity's principal address	Vestry of St Mary's Church Church Lane LD3 7AS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicola Maughan	Chair		
2	Karen Hesketh	Treasurer		
3	Philip Park			
4	Emma Hayes			
5	Liam Hosie			
6	Peter Jenkins	Secretary		
7	Liz Rijnenberg	Co-opted		
8	Chris Walsh	Co-opted		
9	Rebecca Griffiths			
10	Joanna Davies		Joined 3/10/2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Nicola Maughan</i>	
Full name(s)	Nicola Maughan	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	1/12/2025	



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Friends of St Marys	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 06/04/2024	Period end date 05/04/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	14,216	-	-	14,216	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	14,216	-	-	14,216	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,216	-	-	14,216	-
A3 Payments					
	1,281	-	-	1,281	-
<i>Sub total</i>	1,281	-	-	1,281	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,281	-	-	1,281	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,935	-	-	12,935	-
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,152	-	-	1,152	-
Cash funds this year end	14,087	-	-	14,087	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	-	14,087	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,087	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
K Hesketh	Karen Hesketh	8.12.25

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 2 May 2023 To: 5 April 2024

Charity name: Friends of St Mary's

Charity registration number: 1202893

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Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the Christian religion by providing and assisting in the restoration, preservation, repair, improvement and beautification of St Mary's church and by providing additional facilities and contributing towards the cost of maintaining the ministry at the church and the day-to-day costs incidental thereto for and on behalf of the Parochial Church Council or successor.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Raising money to support the church's vital work in the community and help preserve its architectural heritage.. Priorities for fundraising are chosen from projects identified by St Mary's Vestry meetings. Funds have been raised at a series of talks when people have been encouraged to sign up as Friends or to make a donation to the charity
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees met with a an advisor from Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations regarding guidance on public benefit.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In this first year of the charity we signed up 35 Friends to the charity and £1,057 in donations.</p> <p>By building the number of Friends we are helping to develop a sense of community at St Mary's with more people focussed on the needs of the Church and its future. Both the launch event and the first in our Friend's Speaker series have helped us accrue funds towards the repair of the windows of St Mary's which have been identified as a need by St Mary's Vestry meetings.</p>

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity holds a small surplus (£1,152) as cash in bank at the end of the first year in operation
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The cash held at bank is held as a resource for planned East window protection replacement
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,152
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	

Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None: FoSM is a “going concern”

Additional information (optional)

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

K Hesketh

Full name(s)

Karen Hesketh

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Treasurer

Date

12 January 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of St Marys	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 5/2/2023	Period end date 4/5/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	3,350	-	-	3,350	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,350	-	-	3,350	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,350	-	-	3,350	-
A3 Payments					
	2,198	-	-	2,198	-
Sub total	2,198	-	-	2,198	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,198	-	-	2,198	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,152	-	-	1,152	-
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end					
	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,152	-	-	1,152	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	-	1,152	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,152	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	K Hesketh	Karen Hesketh	2.11.24	