

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ST ALBANS**

**(Charity Registration No. 279810)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ST ALBANS**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

Trustees	Earl John Duncan Verulam Graham Meager Guy Marshall
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Principal Address	Maynes Farmhouse Gorhambury Estate St Albans Herts AL3 6AF
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Bankers	Weatherbys 22 Sackville Street Mayfair London W1S 3DN  National Westminster Bank St Peters Street St Albans Herts AL1 3LY
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Registered Charity number	279810
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**THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ST ALBANS**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**Independent review on the Accounts**

I reviewed the accounts for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

This review is made solely to the Board of Trustees of  
The Friends of St Michael's Church St Albans as a body

My review has been undertaken so that I might state to the Board of Trustees, those matters I am required to state to them in a review and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law. I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the Board of Trustees as a body for my review, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

As the Board of Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT REPORT.**

A review includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking any explanations from you as the Board of Trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion or the view given by the accounts.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**Independent statement**

In connection with my review, 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; and  
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and  
to comply with the accounting requirements 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.

Mr P Okusi  
Thompson Accountants  
Independent Examiner  
326-328 London Road  
Mitcham  
Surrey  
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## **THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ST ALBANS**

### **Trustees Annual Report For the year ended 31 December 2025**

The Board of Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025

#### **Introduction**

The Friends of St Michael's Church St Albans (the Charity") was founded on 18 March 1980.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objective of the Charity is to help and support the Vicar, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael's in St Albans to maintain, repair, renew, improve and enhance the structure and fabric furnishings, memorials and fittings of St Michael's and to keep in good order and condition and to beautify the churchyard of the said church.

#### **Public benefit**

The Trustees of the Charity have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### **Activities, Achievements and Financial Review**

The Charity's income for the year was £25,113. This included an anonymous donation of £15,000 The Trustees are truly grateful for this bequest.

Donations of £51,000 were made by the Charity towards the cost of restoration work to fixtures and fittings.

The Charity has a deficit during the year ended 31 December 2025 of £26,427.

#### **Reserves policy**

As a grant maker without any core costs the Charity does not need to hold operational reserves. The Trustees have resolved that they should hold sufficient reserves to enable them to respond to appropriate applications for financial support for the maintenance, repair and enhancement of the structure and fabric of St Michael's Church.

#### **Structure**

The Charity is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ST ALBANS**  
**Trustees Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**Governance and Management**

The charity Trustees are as follows:

Earl John Duncan Verulam

Graham Meager

Guy Marshall

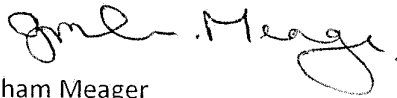
The Trustees will select additional or replacement Trustees with regard for the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Meager', written over a horizontal line.

Full name: Graham Meager

Position: Trustee

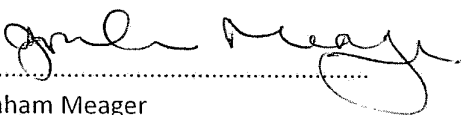
Date: 23 January 2026

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 31 December 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Balance at Bank - current	611	1,956
- deposit	53,000	77,964
OVO Deposit to be refunded	140	-
Tax refund	-	258
	<u>53,751</u>	<u>80,178</u>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>	 <u>53,751</u>	 <u>80,178</u>
 <b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance brought forward	80,178	57,594
(Deficit)/Surplus on General Reserve account	-26,427	22,584
	<u>53,751</u>	<u>80,178</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 January 2026  
and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Graham Meager

Date: 23 January 2026

Position: Trustee

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions and Membership	500	1,586
Donations	15,552	16,849
Tax recovery	3,810	258
Charities Aid Foundation	10	30
Abbey Theatre event	-	1,173
Kingsbury Manor Event	1,300	-
OVO Event	1,888	-
Interest receivable	2,053	2,688
	<u>25,113</u>	<u>22,584</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
OVO tickets	540	-
Donations	51,000	-
	<u>51,540</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u><u>-26,427</u></u>	<u><u>22,584</u></u>



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**NOTES**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by law for smaller charities.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or by the appeal of the charity.

**Donations**

Donated income is recognised on a received basis.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from any employment with the charity or a related party.

