

**THE FRIENDS OF
ST MARY'S, PERIVALE.**

REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST JULY 2022



ST MARY'S

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THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S PERIVALE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST JULY 2022

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S is a Registered Charity No 281982 and is formally constituted by Deed of Trust dated 18th June 1979, although the Friends, as an organisation was founded at a meeting in Ealing Town Hall on 26th September 1976

The Charity Trustees during the year to 31st July 2020 were: Mr Andrew Goodhart (Chairman), Dr Hugh Mather, Rev Valerie Aitken, Rev Andy Johnston, Mr John Newbwgin and Mr John Biggs (Clerk). Two meetings of the Trustees are normally held during the year.

Objectives and Organisation

The object of the Charity is to preserve this Grade I Listed Church "as a building of historic and architectural interest" and we are permitted, under the redundancy measures "to arrange, organise, and conduct such charitable activities (whether or not of a religious nature) at the said church as is authorised by the 99 year lease, granted on 19th June 1979 by the London Diocesan Fund on behalf of the Church Commissioners at a nominal rent of £250p.a." This rental is however waived annually, provided that the cost of all repairs and maintenance exceeds this sum, which has been the case since the commencement of the lease over 40 years ago. There has never been a demand for rent and the "rent review" in June 2009 was not exercised. A few years ago, representatives of the London Diocesan Committee visited this and other redundant churches in Middlesex and were delighted with the condition of the church and the improved facilities that the Friends have provided, and continue to provide over the years.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report for the Trustees whose purpose, under the Deed of Trust, is to have the ultimate responsibility for the use and maintenance of the church and churchyard in accordance with the terms of the lease. The Charity Commissioners have recently confirmed that the Trust Deed is the official over-riding document which describes the responsibilities of the Trustees in respect of the church and the churchyard, including burial arrangements.

The Trustees have noted with appreciation all the hard work that has been carried out during the year, both inside and outside the church building, by the excellent team of volunteers. It is good to have Hugh Mather (Chairman of the Executive Committee) as a Trustee, as he is the prime mover of everything connected with the day-to-day running of St Mary's Perivale. The Executive Chairman's Report therefore gives a more detailed report of the activities for the year. The continuance of concerts is particularly important to the life of St Mary's Perivale, as are the benefits to the musicians who are very keen to play. A major item during the year has been the continuous live-streaming of the concerts during the pandemic on a worldwide basis; we continue to upgrade the recording and sound equipment, and are benefitting from the new fibre link for our transmissions, now without problems and the addition of new cameras.

The church is being kept in fine condition and, with forward planning, we are able to cover all foreseeable eventualities. The church tower will have some rotten timbers replaced later in the year, and the church notice board is being refurbished. The team of gardeners continue to keep the churchyard in an excellent condition.

Andrew N D Goodhart

Chairman of Trustees
28th August 2022

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST JULY 2022

Introduction: This has been another highly unusual year because of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. After the lockdowns from March 2020 onwards, we reopened again to a live audience in September 2021. Since then we have adopted a 'hybrid' concert model, serving both our small audience in the church and a much larger number of participants watching our broadcasts online. This has proved to be very successful and bodes well for the future. We have become, in effect, a much-respected broadcasting venue for superb solo and chamber music concerts, enjoyed by hundreds of classical music lovers throughout the UK and abroad. This astonishing development has been based on the remarkable video system installed by Simon Shute and his colleagues, to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

Broadcast concerts: From September 2021 to July 2022 we broadcast 119 streamed concerts, with 64 piano recitals, as well as recitals by 11 violinists, 8 cellists, 5 piano duos, 9 trios, and 5 lectures and 10 jazz concerts. Our highlight events were a Beethoven Sonata Festival with 32 pianists in October 2021 and a Mozart Festival with 18 pianists in March 2022. We paid out over £27,000 to musicians. All this has been achieved without any grant or external support, and run entirely by our team of unpaid volunteers. I would like to pay special tribute to our technical team who made all this possible, led by Simon Shute, and comprising George Auckland, Andrew Whadcoat, Rob Jenkins, Truus Bos and Roger Nellist. I am also very grateful to Roger Nellist for helping me to run the organization, and to Andrew Goodhart for handling the donations. The concerts have been viewed by an average of 500 people each, in 53 countries around the world, and by an average of 30 people in the venue, with attendances varying from 15 to 60.

'Lockdown Star' Award: We were given this prestigious award by the Critics' Circle, in recognition of our 156 concerts held in an empty church during the lockdown. We are proud of this national recognition of our activities. Here is their citation :

St Mary's, Perivale – a tiny, Grade 1-listed redundant church in west London – has punched far above its weight with the range and quality of its streamed recitals. Dr Hugh Mather and the team – all volunteers – carried on with their three weekly recitals when Covid hit, providing young artists with paid employment and a platform during this hardest of times, raising their own funds, largely through donations, to pay the artists without any public subsidies. Both the quality of the concerts on offer and the diversity of performers and repertoire put the response of many larger, subsidised venues to shame. The concerts were streamed live using very high quality equipment installed by two former BBC engineers, Simon Shute and George Auckland.

Our finances: These will be considered in more detail in the report by our Treasurer, Richard Norris, but despite the difficulties in attracting back our physical audience after the pandemic, we still managed to record an overall surplus of about £25,000, and we have reserves of around £160,000. We have increased the payments made to our musicians to reflect this financial success. I would like to record our thanks to Richard Norris for handling our finances in his usual expert fashion.

Improvements to the Churchyard: The churchyard is in good condition, thanks to our flourishing gardening team under the direction of David Brown, and has remained well maintained over the lockdown. We are fortunate in having such a dedicated group of talented individuals, with a considerable range of skills, to assist in the maintenance and improvement of the churchyard.

Video-recording facilities : We paid about £12,000 for a major upgrade of our internet connection to fibre, and this was installed by BT last November. This has transformed the quality, stability and reliability of our broadcasts from Standard Definition to High Definition. We have also made major improvements to the sound recording facilities, with extra microphones and sound mixers and installed a sound booth at the back of the nave for concerts and lectures.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST JULY 2022 (cont'd)

Structural improvements: The woodwork of the tower contains some rotten areas which need replacement, and the exterior of the church needs redecoration. This major work will be undertaken in September. The church noticeboard will also be renovated

Improvements to the churchyard: The churchyard is in good condition, thanks to the efforts of our flourishing gardening team under the direction of David Brown, and has remained well maintained over the lockdown. We are fortunate in having such a dedicated group of talented individuals, with a considerable range of skills, to assist in the maintenance and improvement of the churchyard.

Publicity: Our thrice weekly email newsletter is sent to over 1480 email addresses and remains our core advertising tool. Five years ago we launched a major and successful 'social media' initiative on Facebook, with a 'page' for St Mary's Perivale administered by Roger Nellist. We now intend to increase our presence on Instagram. We are grateful for the input of Gill Rowley in producing posters and advertisements for Ealing Arts Diary.

Use of the church by other musical organisations: We have accommodated many local music organisations, including Ealing Chamber Music Club, Ealing Flute Group, Ealing Music Festival, Ealing Symphony Orchestra and Ealing Youth Orchestra. We are proud that our building has been used to benefit all ages and standards of music-making in Ealing.

Plans for the Autumn: We plan to continue with about 120 concerts per year, streaming all except those given by our local amateur orchestras. The Autumn programme looks very good, with a major Chopin piano festival on September 30th and October 1st and 2nd, in which 20 pianists will play most of Chopin's piano music over 5 long sessions.

Summary: We have consolidated our position as the most active broadcasting venue in the UK, particularly for piano and chamber music recitals. Our 'hybrid' model means that we still provide concerts for our local music-lovers, while also broadcasting the concerts throughout the world. We have established St Mary's Perivale as the premier venue for instrumental and chamber music in West London and consolidated our finances. We continue to maintain our beautiful church and churchyard in pristine condition. With the valued support of our members and other core supporters, we are ensuring that our ancient church is preserved for future generations to enjoy

Acknowledgements: Our continued success during the past year is a magnificent team effort by everyone involved at St Mary's and I am indebted to so many people for all their help. I would like to pay special tribute to Roger Nellist, our Vice-Chairman, for his huge input into all aspects of our organization; to Simon Shute for leading our technical team and developing our amazing video facilities; to George Auckland, Andrew Whadcoat, Rob Jenkins, Truus Bos and Roger Nellist for their massive contribution to the recordings; to George Auckland additionally for developing and funding our website; to Sherry White, Gill Rowley and Felicity Mather for running the 'box office'; to Andrew Goodhart for handling the donations via our website and Gift Aid system; to Richard Norris as Treasurer for his masterly handling of our finances; to Gill Rowley for her work as Membership Secretary; to Judith Price for cleaning the church; to Sherry White for acting as church 'caretaker'; to Gill Rowley for much help with publicity; to David Brown and everyone on the gardening team; and to everyone on the Executive Committee for being part of such a remarkably harmonious and effective group. Finally, I would like to thank Andrew Goodhart, Chairman of the Trustees, and the other Trustees, for their close support.

Dr Hugh M Mather

Chairman, Executive Committee

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4th August 2022

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S PERIVALE

HON TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST JULY 2022

Attached are an Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st July 2022, together with a Balance Sheet prepared as at that date.

We are very pleased to report once again that the organisation is in a strong financial position. A successful year's activities has been further augmented by much appreciated donations.

Balance Sheet

The Friends have net tangible assets of £183,929 which is an increase of £36,905 during the financial year; this includes a small increase of £857 in the value of the holding of COIF Investment Fund, now valued at £44,741. More than three quarters of the Friends reserves are held in cash at the present time, which attracts very little interest but in the short term at least is considered to be the safest harbour for the money

There have been no major improvements to the structure during the year, but considerable remedial work on the tower, carpentry and redecoration is imminent, and is expected to cost in excess of £10,000. This has not been provided for in these Accounts, pending investigation into the extent of the problem.

Income & Expenditure Account


As explained in the CEO's report, the Friends has continued to provide live concerts, which are broadcast on our live-streaming system. Audiences have continued to respond very positively to this, and requests to listeners for donations to help pay the players have been very generously supported. As a result of this, concert income, at £55,993, has been maintained, and is further augmented by Gift Aid.

Much of the expenditure on the live streaming facility has been included in previous years' financial statements, but we have taken the opportunity to upgrade the equipment including an extra strategically placed camera.

Aside from concerts, the subscription income has been maintained at a high level, and routine overheads for keeping the building and churchyard well maintained have generally held or are marginally reduced. We have also received some very generous donations with particular mention of Richard Williams £5,000, Mrs Mendl £1,000 and Kate Vickery in memory of her husband

General

The surplus on the Income and Expenditure Account for the year is £36,905, which is a reflection on the generosity of those who have supported the organisation during the year, and made possible by the expertise and dedication of the live-streaming team who have created the facility. It should not be overlooked however that there is a large bill pending for repairs to the tower



Richard G Norris
Hon Treasurer

28th August 2022

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JULY 2022

	Note		31st July 2021
Investments			
COIF Deposit Fund		56,849	11,773
COIF Investment Fund (mid mkt val)	6	47,411	46,554
Virgin Money Deposit		65,954	65,875
		<u>170,214</u>	<u>124,202</u>
Current Assets			
Sundry Debtors	2	17	17
Prepaid expenditure	2	1,080	503
Stocks	3	61	61
Cash at Bank and in Hand		13,997	26,831
		<u>15,155</u>	<u>27,412</u>
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	4	(1,440)	(4,589)
		<u>13,715</u>	<u>22,823</u>
		<u>£183,929</u>	<u>£147,024</u>
Represented by			
General Fund			
As at 1st August 2019		144,881	118,518
Surplus during the year		36,905	26,363
		<u>181,786</u>	<u>144,881</u>
Keith Hutton Fund			
As at 1st August 2019		2,143	14,354
Permissible expenditure		0	(12,211)
		<u>2,143</u>	<u>2,143</u>
		<u>£183,929</u>	<u>£147,024</u>

A N D GOODHART

Chairman of Trustees
.... December 2022

H M MATHER

Executive Chairman
.... December 2022

R G NORRIS

HonTreasurer
28th December 2022

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST JULY 2022

Receipts

Year to 31.7.2021

Charitable income

Subscriptions	11,414		11,515	
Donations	7,614		4,155	
Bequests-	0		0	
Gift Aid	2,466		3,116	
		21,494		18,786

Investment income

Interest	154		77	
Unrealised surplus on investments	857		7,625	
		1,011		7,702

Trading income

Hire of church	1,045		0	
Income from live concerts	53,594		55,993	
Gift aid on concert income	12,669		12,189	
		67,308		68,182
		<u>£89,813</u>		<u>£94,670</u>

Payments

Building expenditure

Repairs & maintenance	1,030		3,469	
Video equipment	6,983		17,152	
Insurance	3,615		3,269	
Electricity & heating	1,887		1,945	
Telephone and internet	1,137		1,681	
Technics alarms	694		610	
New computer			1,234	
Bench for Mary Agnew (net of £500 bequest)			245	
Churchyard renovation	4,953		2,624	
		20,299		32,230

Trading expenditure

Concert costs	27,984		30,530	
PRS fees	91		420	
Stock of books written off	0		500	
Website	129		165	
Piano maintenance	3,605		3,130	
		31,809		34,745

Administration costs

Advertising	599		672	
Printing & stationery	96		93	
Sundries	105		567	
		800		1,332

£52,908 £68,307

Year end surplus

£36,905 £26,363

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST JULY 2022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS ON PAGES 6 AND 7

1	Accounting Policies		
	a) these accounts have been prepared on accruals basis		
	b) Capital expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred		
	c) it is estimated that the society has assets to the value of approximately £35,000, comprising a grand piano, recording equipment and other assets appropriate for entertaining the public		
2	Sundry debtors		2021
	Prepaid services	1,080	503
	Interest receivable	17	17
		<u>£1,097</u>	<u>£520</u>
3	Stocks		
	Refreshments	61	61
		<u>£61</u>	<u>£61</u>
4	Sundry creditors		
	Monument repairs	1,050	1,050
	Electricity	38	48
	PRS levies	232	881
	Prepaid venue hire	120	0
	Memorial bench	0	745
	New computer	0	1,234
	Compost equipment	0	273
	Presentation gift	0	43
	Advertisement	0	40
	Piano repairs	0	275
	Video camera	0	0
		<u>£1,440</u>	<u>£4,589</u>
5	Charitable status		
	The Friends of St Mary's Perivale is a registered charity, its Charity Commission number being 281982		
6	Capital expenditure		
	A) Video equipment	4,164	5,488
	B) Live streaming project	1,725	11,966
	C) New computer	0	1,234
		<u>£5,889</u>	<u>£18,688</u>

This expenditure has been written off in these accounts

7	Investments	
	At 31st July 2022 the Friends of St Marys Perivale had a holding of 204.75 Accumulation Units in the COIF Charities Investment Fund with a value of £47,411 (2021: £46,554).	

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, PERIVALE.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st July 2022 which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that the audit requirements of Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act") do not apply. It is thus my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, where particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examinations were carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination 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 explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required of an audit, and consequently I do not present an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

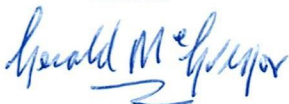
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, and
- b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met.

The Trust, in common with others of a similar size and organisation, received income which cannot be fully controlled until it is entered in the accounting records and is therefore not capable of independent verification.

No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to make a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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28th December 2022