



# Friends of St Peter's Church

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ROPLEY

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Friends of St Peter's Church, Ropley for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**



## Friends of St Peter's Church - Annual Report for 2020

**Background:** The Friends of St Peter's Church, Ropley was formed in 1982. The objects of the Association are the preservation, repair, restoration, improvement and ornamentation of the fabric of St. Peter's Church and to provide articles for use in worship there. The Friends can also assist in the upkeep and improvement of the Ropley Coffee Room. The Friends promote interest in the Church for the wider benefit of the Community and its heritage and raise funds by way of subscription, donation and through fund raising to further its objectives. The church was virtually destroyed by fire in June 2014 and services are now held in Ropley Parish Hall pending restoration of the church.

**Membership:** Members of the Committee are either ex-officio or elected by The Annual Meeting. During the year the following were members of the Committee:

**Chair:** Mrs Alison Wood

**Secretary:** Mrs Sue Pakenham-Walsh

**Treasurer:** Mr Ken Ingle

**Churchwardens:**

Mrs Norma Day

Mrs Sarah Earthy (To APCM)

Mrs Jane Plowright (From APCM)

**Incumbent:**

The Revd Clare Welham

**Bank:**

Lloyds Bank plc

9 West Street

Alresford

Hants SO24 9AE

**Charity Commission Number:** 285131

**Committee members:**

Mr Stephen Broadbent (To Sept 2020)

Mrs Mary Flatt

Mrs Lesley Morgan

Mrs Sue Thomas

Mrs Elizabeth Wheeler

**Parish Council Representative:**

Mrs Jenny Nops

**Charity Address:**

The Vicarage

Lyeway Lane

Ropley

Hants SO24 0DW

### Review of the year

Following the fire in 2014 the focus for the Friends continues to be to co-operate with the PCC on the proposals for the restoration and refurbishment of St Peter's Church and have committed the existing funds and future fundraising towards any shortfall above the insurance cover. The Friends also support the Development Group which was formed to assist the PCC in raising funds for the church appeal fund.

The Committee met on five occasions during the year and as necessary on other occasions relating to fundraising activities. The Churchwardens continue to keep the Friends informed on all church matters particularly relating to the restoration of the Church and update regularly on the progress since the fire.

Membership of the Friends continues to increase slowly. At the year-end the total of individual or family members was 58 with an overall total membership of 93.

### Fund raising activities

Subscription income for the year was £2,827. This, together with tax reclaimed from 2019/2020 Gift Aid subscriptions (£648) gave a total of £3,475, subscription income being slightly higher than last year. In addition donations towards Ropley Church Appeal totalled £35,046 which together with Gift Aid recovered of £1,334, Easy Fundraising of £300 and sale of Christmas Cards £759 added £37,439 for the appeal. There was only one fund raising event during the year and together with the sale of cooking apron raised a total of £940.

### Financial Review

Total income in 2020 was £41,995, less expenses of £154 there was a surplus for the year of £41,841 but a further grant of £65,000 was made to the PCC Appeal Fund leaving the total bank assets and investments at the year-end of £32,458.

Since the Friends were formed in 1982 total income over the last 39 years has been £279,504 with total expenditure of £247,058 of which £244,066 (99%) was given for the Church and Coffee Room, the remaining £2,992 (1%) was in respect of fundraising and administration expenses, an average of £76 per year.

On behalf of the Friends of St Peter's Church, Ropley

Mrs Alison Wood – Chair

30<sup>th</sup> January 2021



## Friends of St Peter's Church, Ropley - 2020

Date	31-Dec-2020	Actuals	Actuals
£ ►	Receipts	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
Incoming resources from donors			
Gift Aid subscriptions		2,827.00	2,497.00
Donations - General		20.00	
Gift Aid Recovered		648.00	583.10
<b>Total Donated Receipts</b>		<b>3,495.00</b>	<b>3,080.10</b>
Other Voluntary incoming resources (Fundraising)			
Around The World Food Tasting			3,037.32
Nigel Atkinson's Talk			1,000.00
Summer Drinks			770.00
Ropley Pram Race			216.40
Tapas Lunch			440.00
Sparkling Summer Tea Party			1,022.00
Open Gardens - Liz Wheeler			917.20
Soup & Pudding Lunch	440.00		900.00
Victorian Christmas Market			426.30
Wine Tasting			1,041.98
Tony Gilliam's Cards			30.00
Cooking Aprons	500.00		974.22
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>940.00</b>	<b>10,775.42</b>	
Ropley Church Appeal			
Ropley Church Appeal	35,046.00		14,694.40
Christmas Cards	759.47		
Easy Fundraising Ltd	299.74		110.24
Gift Aid Recovered	1,334.05		840.94
<b>Total Ropley Church Appeal</b>	<b>37,439.26</b>	<b>15,645.58</b>	
Income from Investments			800.00
Lloyds Bank - Fixed Term Interest			275.67
Interest - CBF Deposit Fund	120.77		
<b>Total Income from Investments</b>	<b>120.77</b>	<b>1,075.67</b>	
Miscellaneous Income			110.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>41,995.03</b>	<b>30,686.77</b>	

£ ►	Payments		
St Peter's Church, Ropley			
Grants	65,000.00		100,000.00
<b>Total Grants to St Peter's Church, Ropley</b>	<b>65,000.00</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	
Insurance	100.80		100.80
Lottery Licence	20.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses			110.00
<b>Fundraising events expenses</b>			
Nigel Atkinson's Talk			39.38
Soup & Pudding Lunch	33.75		82.50
Cooking Aprons			1,314.49
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>65,154.55</b>	<b>101,647.17</b>	

Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	-23,159.52	-70,960.40
<b>Total Assets as at 1st January 2020</b>	<b>55,618.09</b>	<b>126,578.49</b>
<b>Total Assets as at 31st December 2020</b>	<b>32,458.57</b>	<b>55,618.09</b>

### Statement of Assets as at 31st December 2020

Assets	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
Lloyds Bank plc - Treasurer's Account	11,657.86	9,938.15
C.B.F. Church of England Deposit Fund	20,800.71	45,679.94
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>32,458.57</b>	<b>55,618.09</b>



## Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Friends of St Peter's Church, Ropley

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of St Peter's Church, Ropley for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

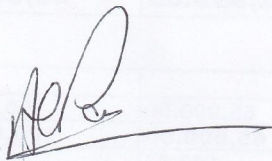
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Independent Examiner (Signed)

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Date:

6/3/2022