

**FRIENDS OF AISHOLT CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHARITY
COMMISSIONERS**

Administrative information

The Friends of Aisholt Church is an independent Association, established as a registered charity with the Charity Commission, (number 296040).

The Association is established to advance the Christian religion in the parish of Aisholt in the County of Somerset. The parish church of All Saints is situated in the village of Aisholt. It is one of six churches of the Quantock Villages benefice and is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address for the Charity is that of the Treasurer, being, Mrs R Baker, 'Chedzoy', Aisholt, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1AR. It operates according and in line with objects and powers stated in a written constitution.

The policy and general management of the affairs of the Association are directed by Honorary officers that constitute an Executive Committee known as 'The Committee'.

Honorary Committee members who served in 2022 are as follows:

Chair: Mr Tim Whittington

Treasurer: Mrs Rachel Baker

Secretary: Mrs Gillian Penn

PCC representative: Mr Peter Baker

Committee member: Mrs Mary Pye

Committee member: Michael Cansdale

Committee member: John Hartoch

The following pages are minutes with Officers reports of the Annual General Meeting

Friends of Aisholt Church

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting & Committee Meeting

Held on 12 July 2022 in All Saints Church, Aisholt

Present

Tim Whittingham (Chairman), Rachel Baker (Treasurer), Gillian Penn (Secretary), Peter Baker.
Apologies for absence were received from Mary Pye, Michael Cansdale and John Hartoch.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of Meeting Held on 18 April 2017

The Minutes were approved as a true record of the Meeting (Prop RB Sec GP) and were signed by the Chairman. It was noted for clarity that the Committee had authorised the Treasurer to spend up to £2000 on the upkeep and maintenance of the Church *at any one time* without seeking further authority from the Committee and that this should be a standing arrangement.

Election of Officers

The Secretary confirmed that as a properly convened meeting attended by four members, we were quorate and the Committee, Chairman and Officers were unanimously re-elected (Prop RB, Sec PB)

Treasurer's Report

See appended sheet for financial situation at the end of 2021. Regular subscriptions at £1300pa and several legacies meant that there is no particular need for fundraising at present. It was noted that David Penn of Hunters Moon, retired Company Secretary had approved the figures as an independent examiner.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that we celebrate forty years of the Charity this year, 1982-2022. He thanked the Committee for their work for FOAC which while not busy in the public sphere had been very successful in its central purpose 'the preservation of the parish church of All Saints'. The Chairman felt that FOAC would be best led by someone either resident in Aisholt or a member of the congregation but he would happily continue until a replacement could be found

Report from the PCC Representative

PB said that the Friends had effectively taken over financial responsibility for the maintenance of the Church and graveyard. He outlined a number of projects completed and underway including the audio system, the gateposts, duck-boards in the roof valley, cleaning the tower, the stone mullion of the vestry window, the lightning conductor, storm damage to the tower rain spout and boiler

maintenance. Future expenditure could include tree work due to ash die-back, repairs to the car park entrance, steps and a hand-rail in the graveyard, an unstable chest tomb, an outside toilet and the removal of pews from the South Aisle. The Chairman suggested that the Friends would probably want to support the PCC in whatever they wished to do.

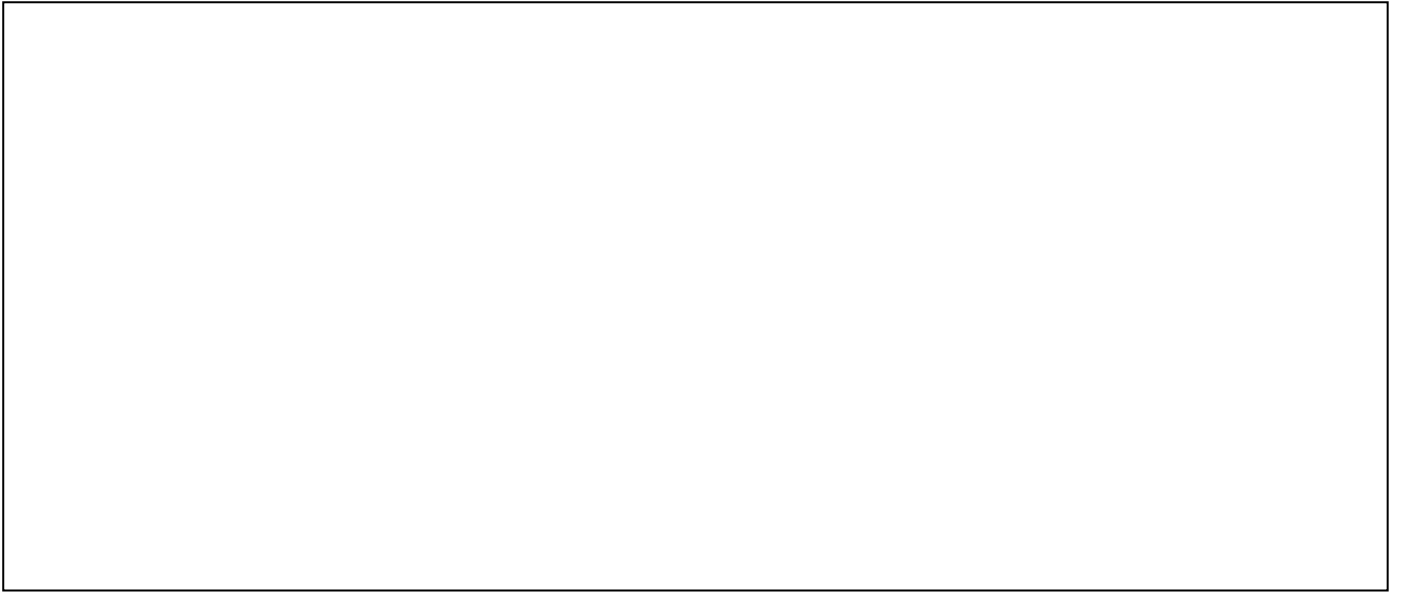
Events

RB said there is likely to be a churchyard tidy-up day which often involved non-churchgoers.

AOB & DONM

It was noted that in view of the charity's healthy financial situation the Committee should commit to good record keeping and at least one meeting a year, day to day business being conducted in person and by email. The next meeting should be held no later than July 2023

The Chairman undertook to provide the church with some Social Media presence as well as keeping aisholt.org updated in the hope of attracting worshippers.



Friends of Aisholt Church

Accounts -Year ending

31.12.2022

Charity No 296040

			Sub Totals	Balance £	
BALANCE at Lloyds	01.01.2022			3,778.07	
INCOME	Donations	1102.00			
	Legacy	40000.00			
	Tax Gift Aid Refund	347.53			
	Dividends CBF	1195.47			
	Dividends M & G	4921.29			
	Bounced cheque	3888.00			
			51,454.29		
EXPENDITURE	church maintenance	417.00			
	Printer ink	31.89			
	Church painting/mowing	240.00			
	Trestle tables	109.98			
	Toilet tent	249.00			
	Transfer to M&G invest.	22000.00			
	Transfer to CBF	22000.00			
	Church tower clean	216.00			
	Church tower gutter	350.00			
	Vestry window repair	1944.00			
	Car park rent	424.00			
	Bounced cheque	3888.00			
	Bank charge	7.00	51,876.87		
BALANCE at Lloyds Bank	31.12.2022			3,355.49	
TOTAL ASSETS	31.12.2022				
	Lloyds Bank				£3,355.49
	CCLA (CBF)				£58,763.26
	M & G				£90,208.16
	NS&I				£1,138.36
				Total	£153,465.27

Treasurer

Rachel Baker

Independent Examiner:

Name:

DAVID ALFRED PENN

Signature:

Dave

date

17.4.23

Independent Examiner's Certificate for The Friends of Aisholt Church

Report to the trustees of

The Friends of Aisholt Church

On accounts for the year ended: 31.12.22

Charity Number (if applicable): 296040

Set out on pages

of the Treasurer's accounts file

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

DAI

Date:

17.4.23

Name:

Mr David Penn

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

F. C. I. S.

Address:

Hunters Moon, Aisholt, Bridgwater, TA5 1AR