

Friends of St Mary's Swansea

England & Wales · Charity number 513022

Details

Other names THE FRIENDS OF SWANSEA ST MARY

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1982-09-17

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PRESERVATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, RESTORATION, IMPROVEMENT AND ORNAMENTATION OF THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH OF SWANSEA ST MARY; TO PROVIDE ARTICLES FOR USE IN WORSHIP THERE, AND TO SEEK TO BIND TOGETHER IN A COMMON FELLOWSHIP ALL THOSE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THE PARISH OF WHO WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH.

Activities: General fundraising

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CHURCH AND PARISH OF SWANSEA ST MARY
- City Of Swansea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£51,747	£2,057	-	-
2024-12-31	£202,300	£1,620	-	-
2023-12-31	£115	£0	-	-
2022-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-12-31	£152	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Justin Davies	Chair	2023-01-01
Helen Murray		2016-01-01
Paul Derrick Murray		2023-04-01

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Accounts



THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY
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ANNUAL REPORT

2025

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

INCOME		
Subscriptions	1,110.00	
Interest	637.74	
Transfer from Vicar & CW A/C	50,000.00	
Transfer from Deposit A/C	100,000.00	
TOTAL		151,747.74
PAYMENTS		
Charges	77.20	
Oil Candles	752.01	
Battery candles	166.53	
Contribution to MU banner	150.00	
S Wales promotions	921.00	
Transfer to Business A/C	100,000.00	
TOTAL		102,057.74
Opening balances		213,681.30
Closing Balances		263,371.30

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and 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.

Name Claire O'Conner

Date 9th January 2026

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINACIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31
DECEMBER 2025**

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

To support the Rector and Churchwardens in their heavy responsibilities of preservation, repair, maintenance, restoration, improvement and ornamentation of the fabric of St Mary's Church, Swansea.

To provide articles for use in worship at the services held in the church.

To work along side the Rector and Churchwardens as they seek to bind together in a common fellowship all those who live or work in the City or who worship in the Church. To actively promote the Christian gospel and to promote and encourage Church growth

MEMBERSHIP

Annual members	15
Life members	56
Family members	3

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Friends have supported requests for new oil filled candles for the church altars and for the Advent crown. This request came following a fire in the church in January, when someone lit the candles on the advent crown, failed to put them out and caused a fire. They have also supported the purchase of battery operated candles for the window ledges, again to prevent the use of naked flames.

A highlight in the life of St Mary's was it being granted Minster status on February 16th and a good number of Friends were present at the special service of inauguration. To mark becoming a Minster the Mothers Union commissioned a new banner and the Friends were pleased to make a contribution to the work which was designed and made by Karen Jones.

The Friends were pleased to support the purchase of pens, pencils and mugs with the new branding on them for sale in the shop.

In October HM Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Louise Fleet accompanied by the High Sherrif and the Lord Mayor joined representatives of the Naval community at a service to mark Trafalgar Day. The Lord Lieutenant laid a simple laurel wreath on Lewis Rotely's stone which has now been re-lettered.

To ensure that the Friends can continue to support the life of Swansea Minster a financial review was made and appropriate actions taken to get the best return on the fund.

RESERVES POLICY

The Friends aim to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital.

SAFEGUARDING

The Friends operate under the Church in Wales Safeguarding Policy.

APPROVED BY THE FRIENDS ON

DATE 14th January 2026

AND SIGNED

NAME Justin Davies

SIGNATURE JD Davies

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ANNUAL REPORT

2024

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

INCOME		
Subscriptions	120.00	
Donations	2,000.00	
Gift Aid reclaim	80.40	
Legacy	200,000.00	
Transfer to Current A/C	100.00	
TOTAL		202,300.40
PAYMENTS		
Charges	8.40	
Sanctuary Bell	425.00	
Contribution to computer	186.95	
Moving Rotely Memorial	900.00	
Transfer to Deposit A/C	100.00	
TOTAL		1,620.35
Opening balances		13,001.25
Closing Balances		215,301.65

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Name Claire O’Conner

Date 28th January 2025

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MEMBERSHIP

Annual members	14
Life members	54
Family members	3

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Friends have supported requests for a new sanctuary bell for use at the Holy Eucharist service; made a contribution to new office equipment; worked along side the church historian to move the Lewis Rotely memorial to a more prominent position as befits its status.

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APPROVED BY THE FRIENDS ON
AND SIGNED

DATE 16th February 2025

NAME Justin Davies

SIGNATURE *JD Davies*