



The Friends of All Saints Church

Oval Way, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 8PZ

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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Tim Travers-Brown conducting Come and Sing Stainer's "The Crucifixion" on 22 February 2025



Canzona Brass winding down after the Summer Concert and Hog Roast on 16 June 2024



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SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025 AT 12 NOON IN THE CHURCH HALL

A G E N D A

1. Welcome and Introduction.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting (4 August 2024) and Actions Arising.
4. Annual Report of The Friends of All Saints Church Committee 2024/25.
5. Financial Review of the Year ended 31 March 2025.
6. Election of Trustees and Members to the Association Committee:
 - **Robert Cunningham** (Chairman) and **Patricia Hague** (Secretary) and **Nick Thompson** (Treasurer) are standing for re-election as Officers and Trustees for a further year.
 - **Simon James** is standing for re-election as a Committee Member for a further 3-year term until 2028.
7. Any Other Business.

NOTES

Any member wishing to propose an item for inclusion on the agenda is requested to contact the Secretary as soon as possible. Candidates to fill vacancies on the Association Committee may be proposed by the Committee or by 2 ordinary members in writing to the Secretary.

The last agenda item will include the opportunity for general discussion with the Committee about future plans and projects.

Where email addresses are known, Friends will be sent a copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Account before the meeting. Copies will be available on the day. These documents are also available on-line here: <https://csp.church/the-friends-of-all-saints-church/>.

P A HAGUE
Secretary

August 2025



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MINUTES OF THE 12TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH HELD ON 4TH AUGUST 2024 AT 12.15 PM

Present:

Mr Robert Cunningham	Chairman and Trustee
Mrs Meriel Garnham	Committee Member
Mr Simon James	Committee Member
Mr Matthew Locke	Ex officio (Churchwarden)
Mr Nicholas Thompson	Treasurer and Trustee
Mrs Patricia Hague	Secretary and Trustee
plus 12 other Friends/supporters:	Elizabeth Bounds, Frances Cunningham, Jasper Garnham, Revd Wendy Graham, John Harwood, Jan James, Trevor Kent, Richard King, Revd Jennifer Locke, Anne Newbery, Catriona Porter and Elizabeth Thompson.

ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone, whether members of The Friends, donors or supporters. The aim was to record the achievements of the past year, approve the statements of account, set out plans for the future, elect members of the Committee and invite views and offers of support.

ITEM 2 – APOLOGIES AND REPRESENTATION

2. Apologies had been received from Fiona Brockhurst, Geraldine Clancy, Frances Elliot, Ann Geary, Ken Hodgson, Sue Stock, David Thompson and Anne Wainwright. **These names were noted for the record.**

ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting held on 1st October 2023 – amended to include Trevor Kent as an attendee – was proposed by Frances Cunningham and seconded by Meriel Garnham. **The proposal was carried unanimously.**

4. There were no matters arising not covered under the following agenda items.

ITEM 4 – ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023/24

5. The Chairman presented the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024. The following aspects were emphasised or generated discussion:

- **Membership.** [Page 10]
 - Income from subscriptions continued to decline in spite of promoting the advantages of payment by direct debit or standing order. The Chairman had written to a number of people whose membership had lapsed and others who had donated in the past. The response was patchy and pointed to a preference – for some – for *ad hoc* payments rather than anything regular.
 - **Subscription arrangements would therefore need to continue to accommodate personal preference.**
- **Subscription Fee.** [Page 10]
 - The Committee had decided in principle to increase the annual subscription from £5, an amount that had remained static for over a decade. A figure in the region of £10 was under consideration, together with 2 potential provisions. First, as an incentive, member benefits such as discounted entrance to functions could be introduced, subject to an examination of the practical implications. Second,



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designation of a part of the increased subscription as the annual membership fee would allow the balance to be treated as a donation. This had the advantage of attracting tax relief under the Gift Aid scheme. The latter treatment was understood to be accepted practice in other charitable organisations. In discussion, which was supportive of the proposals, it was suggested that an additional inducement to subscribe by SO/DD could include a discounted annual membership fee.

- **The Committee would address the possibility of incentivising payment by SO/DD at their next meeting alongside treating part of a subscription as a gift, increasing the annual fee to *circa* £10 and, if feasible, discounting tickets for paid-up members.**
- **Activities.** [Pages 10/11]
 - The Chairman introduced the table on Page 11 summarising the events organised or supported in 2023/24, with indicative profits, and repeated here:

Date	Event	Category			No	Income *incl sponsorship	Excess in £ to FOAS/PCC/other				
		FOAS	ASMF	AIDED			0+	100+	200+	300+	400+
2023 <i>Past Year</i>											
5-19 May	Fri lunchtime recitals x 3		ASMF		60	Donation	FOAS				
21 May	Coronation Fanfare	FOAS		AIDED	90	Collection		Other		FOAS	
9 Jul	Summer Concert & Hog Roast	FOAS	ASMF		70	Ticket					FOAS
7 Oct	Come & Sing (Handel)		ASMF		0	Cancelled					
29 Oct	Requiem Mass (Fauré)	FOAS		AIDED	90	Collection*			PCC		
18 Dec	Nine Lessons & Carols	FOAS		AIDED	90	Collection			PCC		
2024 <i>Current Year</i>											
3-17 May	Fri lunchtime recitals x 3		ASMF		80	Donation*		FOAS			
19 May	Choral Evensong	FOAS		AIDED	40	Collection			PCC		
16 Jun	Summer Concert & Hog Roast	FOAS	ASMF		50	Ticket*					
28 Jul	Charity Arts Concert	FOAS		AIDED	(40)	Donation					
29 Sep	Talk: Travels in a Classic Car	FOAS			(50)	Ticket					
Nov	Alex Ardashov piano recital TBC		ASMF		(45)	Ticket					
22 Dec	Nine Lessons & Carols	FOAS		AIDED	(90)	Collection					
2025 <i>Future Year</i>											
Feb	Come & Sing (Stainer)		ASMF		(60)	Ticket					

- Beyond the successes of the Coronation Fanfare in May 2023, the Summer Concert in July and Choral Requiem Mass in October, the table recorded events under 3 headings: Friends, Music Festival and Aided, the last indicating when another body had been the principal organiser or a beneficiary, such as the PCC for the Requiem Mass. The table also identified the main sources of income – mainly via ticketing, donation on entry or a retiring collection – and for the first time whether commercial sponsorship was involved.
- The Requiem Masses at All Saints in 2015 and 2018 had incurred losses for the Parish, whereas sponsorship generated in October by The Friends plus generous individual pledges of money and a large retiring collection of over £1,000 covered the Parish's costs and returned a profit. This was an example of The Friends supporting the Parish in line with the Constitution, albeit not as the principal beneficiary. Assistance given behind the scenes in such circumstances covered elements of publicity, organisation and hospitality. In conclusion, it was hoped that The Friends and the Music Festival had contributed to a sense of community and fellowship during an uncertain period for the Parish.
- In applauding The Friends' organisation of events accessible to the general public as 'outreach', Jennifer Locke requested that care be taken in scheduling them so as to deconflict with services and other activity around the Parish. **The Chairman undertook to do so.**



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- **Infrastructure Projects.** [Page 12]

- In recent years, it had been difficult to lay financial plans and proceed in partnership with the PCC's Fabric Committee but the way forward for prioritising, scheduling and funding was now clear. Consequently, the Committee would soon spend about £5,000 on a second phase of floor tile repairs (the first was in 2019) subject to approval by the Diocese (**Secretary's Note:** now given and work is scheduled for October 2024) and a new All Saints sign to replace the broken wooden one. Given the unprecedented financial pressure in the Parish, the Committee had decided to pay up to three-quarters of the cost of the new tiling (£3,750 + VAT based on the estimate) and the new All Saints sign (£1,125 + VAT).
- In addition, The Friends had previously offered to contribute £1,000 to a further phase of exterior repointing when required and, more recently, to the maintenance of the Sanctus bell. A specialist inspection of the heavily weathered wooden support was needed. The forthcoming Quinquennial Review was expected to guide the Committee's approach to this and in other regards relating to funding. Matthew Locke observed that repairs to lead flashing on the roof was also needed.
- Lastly, annual payments of £400 to help with routine organ servicing were continuing. In 2023, The Friends had paid for 6 new music stands and the wire mesh to prevent bats from roosting in the porch roof. Given the comparatively healthy state of funds, the Committee would continue to entertain pressing demands for maintenance that might not be affordable by the PCC but nevertheless deserved The Friends' attention in safeguarding the fabric of All Saints for the future.
- In addition, Matthew Locke noted that:
 - The Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust (<https://bucks-historic-churches.org/>) potentially offered another source of funding for maintenance work.
 - In striving to meet a carbon 'net zero' target by 2030, the Diocese would not approve the replacement of boilers in church by legacy central heating systems. This presented the Parish with a considerable challenge when considering alternatives.

6. Acceptance of the Annual Report was proposed under the next item.

ITEM 5 – FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2023/24

7. The Chairman introduced the Financial Review and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 on Pages 13 - 15. In summary:

- The Bank Account as at 6 April stood at £26,033 arising from an excess of receipts over payments of £1,390. This excess was less than half of the previous year's because of a large legacy and nearly twice as many events as usual being held to celebrate the 10th Anniversary in 2022/23. Broadly, the latest balance sheet was similar to that for the financial year before lockdown, ie, 2019/2020.
- The healthy financial position allowed new projects to be planned and funded. The Chairman underlined that Friends' contributions of almost £900 had also been made towards the cost of repairs, maintenance and improvements that otherwise would have fallen wholly to the PCC. In addition, The Friends' efforts on behalf of the Parish had raised £400 in sponsorship.
- Lastly, the Committee was grateful to the Hon Treasurer for his patience and resolve in successfully establishing The Friends on-line for banking purposes.

8. Acceptance of the Annual Report and Financial Report for 2023/24 was proposed by Elizabeth Thompson and seconded by Simon James. **The proposal was carried unanimously.**



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ITEM 6 – ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

9. As at year-end (31 March 2024), the Committee had comprised the following appointments:

Position	Category	Incumbent	Since	Review	Tenure
Chairman	Officer & Trustee	Robert Cunningham	2012	AGM 2024	1 year
Vice-Chairman	Officer & Trustee	Vacant	2012	AGM 2024	1 year
Treasurer	Officer & Trustee	Nicholas Thompson	2021 ¹	AGM 2024	1 year
Secretary	Officer & Trustee	Patricia Hague	2012 ²	AGM 2024	1 year
Member	Ex officio	Vacant	2017	(Vicar or P-in-C)	As required
Member	PCC representative ³	Matthew Locke	2023	(Churchwarden)	As required
Member	Member	Meriel Garnham	2013	AGM 2026 ⁴	3 years
Member	Member	Simon James	2013	AGM 2025 ⁵	3 years

The clergy *ex officio* position filled by the Vicar when there was no Priest in Charge of All Saints was self-evidently vacant at the time of the AGM.

10. In addition to echoing the Chairman's thanks to the Committee for their support, the AGM was invited to consider the following proposal:

- Officers and Trustees.** Robert Cunningham as Chairman, Nicholas Thompson as Treasurer and Patricia Hague as Secretary to be re-elected for a further one-year term.

and note that:

- Members.** Simon James and Meriel Garnham remained in their 3-year terms as Committee members until 2025 and 2026 respectively.

There being no other volunteers for the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer or for the vacant position of Vice-Chairman, election of the Officers *en bloc* was proposed by Trevor Kent and seconded by Matthew Locke. **The proposals were carried unanimously.**

11. Whilst some succession planning would be prudent for the longer-term, for now the AGM noted that the Committee was running effectively.

ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. The following points were raised:

- In a year that began in the wake of the Bishop's Visitation and an uncertain outcome for the Parish, was overshadowed by the loss of Bishop Alan, and ended in growing confidence in healing for

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² **Patricia Hague:** Officer and Founding Trustee as Secretary since 2012 and simultaneously PCC Representative as Churchwarden from 2012 until 2014. She was re-elected to the PCC in 2024.

³ **PCC Representative:** Formally held by Matthew Locke since elected Churchwarden in 2023, his *ex officio* role of PCC Representative at FOAS Committee meetings is in practice discharged by Patricia Hague, a member of both committees who acts as *de facto* deputy Churchwarden for All Saints.

⁴ **Meriel Garnham:** Founding Committee Member since 2013 and simultaneously PCC Representative as Churchwarden from 2014 until 2017 when re-elected by AGM 2017 as a Committee Member. She was re-elected to the PCC in 2024.

⁵ **Simon James:** Founding Committee Member since 2013.



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the Parish and a renewal, the Committee remained indebted to the PCC and clergy for their support and to the congregation for their encouragement in The Friends' endeavours to safeguard All Saints and play a part in building a brighter future.

b. The Committee was also grateful to the musicians who continued to devote time and energy to sustaining the life of All Saints and everyone who had worked hard behind the scenes, notably Richard King and Paddy Hague respectively. Now well into its second decade, the Association of Friends looked forward to continuing with fundraising and to All Saints hosting more events and performances of beautiful music.

c. **Secretary's Note:** The overgrown fir tree standing beside Oval Way has been removed. A parishioner has kindly offered the Parish £100 (with gift aid admissible) to help with the cost of remediating the lawn there and also volunteered to supervise the tidying of the herbaceous border adjacent to the Church porch. The Churchwarden will pursue.

12. Moved by Paddy Hague, the AGM thanked the Chairman on behalf of the Friends for his efforts. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

P A HAGUE

Secretary

3rd September 2024



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**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**





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Note: The statutory items in this Review are reports on fundraising activities and spending plans, the election of Committee members, and the Statements of Account for the year ending **31 March 2025**.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Purpose of The Friends

The Friends of All Saints Church in the Parish of Chalfont St Peter is a charitable association of those who love and value this church and its place in the community. Formed in February 2012, the Association exists to:

- Provide the opportunity for the local community, irrespective of faith, and those who have an association with All Saints to embrace the church as the focal point of community.
- Co-operate with the Clergy and Church Committees in ensuring that All Saints is a flourishing church at the heart of its local community.
- Raise funds to support the maintenance of the All Saints church building and its environs.
- Organise, support and participate in community events held in support of these objectives.

Control of all work carried out on the Church land and buildings remains the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Establishment of The Friends

In common with most parishes, the need to seek new sources of income and support to secure the future of the fabric of church buildings and amenities had been recognised for some time by the PCC. In All Saints Church's Centenary year, with encouragement from the Parish and the support of the Diocesan Advisor, a team led by Rev Nigel and Rev Maggie Rode established The Friends of All Saints Church on 6 February 2012 and formed the Association Committee. Drawing on best practice from similar organisations, The Friends' constitution was shaped in particular by the template published by the Diocese of Canterbury and an exemplar provided by St Mary's Burghfield in the Diocese of Oxford.

It has been important to set out what the Association stands for as there is scope for misunderstanding, particularly as to the purpose of fundraising and The Friends' relationship with the Clergy and Church committees. This is because we wish to attract the widest cross-section of the local community, irrespective of faith or preference of worship. As the Friends' membership application form explains:

All Saints Church wishes to ensure that it flourishes at the heart of the local community, uniting all those who love and value the church and its place within the community. For this reason, we are engaging with people in our local community who are not necessarily regular churchgoers but who may be interested in preserving and enhancing the beauty of our church and in supporting the 'Friends of All Saints Church'. Please help to keep our church open by becoming a Friend of All Saints. Your annual subscription and any additional financial gifts will be dedicated to the repair and upkeep of this historic Arts and Crafts church.



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Governance

The Association of Friends was publicly launched on 21 September 2013 and, whilst not being large enough to be a charity in its own right, registered in April 2014 with HMRC as having charitable status. The Association committee of officers and members as at **31 March 2025** was constituted as follows:

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The *ex officio* member is the Vicar (vacant since July 2023) or the Priest-in-Charge of All Saints when appointed. In addition, the Committee has provision for 4 elected members, one of whom (as Churchwarden) is nominated by the PCC as its representative. Three of the officers are also Trustees of the Association of Friends. The officers and members of the Committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for one- and 3-year terms respectively. Candidates to fill vacancies may be proposed by the Committee or by 2 ordinary members in writing to the Secretary. Copies of the Association Constitution may be requested from the Secretary. Membership of The Friends is by subscription, valid from 1 October to 30 September annually, and reviewed at the AGM; with effect from FY 2024/25, it was set at £10, the first increase in 12 years.

The AGM is held each summer to receive the Association's Annual Report, approve the accounts for the year ended, elect officers and members of the Committee, and discuss future plans. Friends wishing to propose an item for inclusion on the agenda may write to the Secretary. A quorum comprises the Chairman and a minimum of 5 other members. Robert Cunningham (Chairman), Patricia Hague (Hon Secretary) and Nicholas Thompson (Hon Treasurer) are standing in 2025 for re-election as Officers and Trustees for a year's term and Simon James as a committee member for 3 years. Meriel Garnham remains in post as a committee member to complete her 3-year term in 2026.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2024/25

The past year featured a variety of successful activities, mostly musical, ranging from concerts, talks and recitals to involvement in church services (Choral Evensong and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols) and supporting a local charity. These events were either organised or aided by The Friends, most of which being part of the annual All Saints Music Festival. Assistance given covered elements of publicity, organisation, hosting and hospitality although we were not necessarily the principal beneficiary in every instance. Also, for the second year running, we attracted small amounts of commercial sponsorship, literally under the banner of Oakwood Estates. With rising confidence in having a Priest-in-Charge in post by the summer of 2025, opportunities were identified for committing funds to joint maintenance projects with the Parish.

Membership

Donations and Gift Aid recovery remained healthy and further encouragement was given to members to subscribe regularly. Attempts to recover membership to pre-pandemic levels continued by updating the management of annual subscriptions while promoting the advantages of both payment by direct debit or standing order and the tax efficiency of gifts, still the biggest source of income. The Chairman wrote to those whose membership had recently lapsed and others who had donated in the past. The *ad hoc* payment of donations and fees remained the preference for many. Following discussion at AGM 2024, the Committee raised the annual subscription fee from £5 to £10 and introduced a trial scheme offering a year's free introductory membership to concert goers who were not already Friends.

In terms of outreach, we continued to seek opportunities to raise our profile among All Saints' neighbours by promoting the relevance of a local church and the benefits of its amenities. Securing the participation of Thorpe House School, our nearest neighbour, in a lunchtime recital in May 2024 was very encouraging.

Activities

Opening our twelfth year and sustaining All Saints' musical tradition was the third series of three **Friday lunchtime recitals** in May 2024. Given by young musicians from **Royal Holloway University of London**, they were organised by counter-tenor Tim Travers-Brown. Whilst overall attendance (80) and the collection (£350) were modest as usual given that All Saints does not enjoy a village-centre location or attract many 'walk-in' visitors, audience feedback was as enthusiastic as ever and boosted for the first time by the presence of a number of staff and parents from **Thorpe House School**. Fortunately, £75 in sponsorship and a donation of £100 helped to cover musicians' expenses and honoraria of £415 and left an excess of just over £100. Whilst the recitals were deemed a success overall, the cost of professional accompaniment inevitably reduces the margin for raising funds. Nonetheless, for the undergraduates approaching their end-of-year examinations, the chance to play and sing at All Saints without quite the same pressure was appreciated. Moreover, as engaging local schools to take part in this annual enterprise is a standing objective, the Thorpe House Year 7 Singers' performance augurs well for further involvement with our nearest neighbour.

19 May saw The Friends assisting with the first of two **Choral Evensongs** arranged by Richard King in 2024. A choir of 30 enjoyed tea prior to the service which attracted an appreciative congregation of 40 and a retiring collection of over £200 for the Parish. The service on 17 November drew a slightly



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smaller congregation and collection but there was general encouragement to look for further opportunities in 2025.

On Sunday afternoon 16 June 2024, the Canzona Brass Quintet played a light hearted programme of music at the All Saints Music Festival **Summer Party** and **Hog Roast**. Everyone enjoyed the occasion although fewer tickets were sold than usual, possibly the result of a clash with Father's Day affecting some families and a pessimistic weather forecast. Expenses amounted to £1,420 including £686 for food and £600 for the musicians, with bar stock, the event licence and salad comprising the remainder. As income totalled £1,355, the event incurred a small loss of £65, expected to be a one-off. The Committee resolved to advertise the summer concert in future as more clearly for the Parish as a whole, which was successfully achieved in July 2025.

On 28 July 2024, Chlöe McBarnett, a pupil of All Saints organist, Richard King, hosted a **Charity Arts Concert** in church involving piano, harp and organ recitals and readings. The Friends helped with advertising, tea, hosting and a compère on the day. Alongside 13 other young performers, Chlöe raised more than double the £500 needed to reach her £3,800 target for a hospital scanner. There were over 70 in the audience whose retiring collection and donations for Scannappeal amounted to £1,045. Chlöe was subsequently presented with a Buckinghamshire County charity award for her efforts.

By popular demand, Robin and Charlotte Morrison returned on Sunday 29 September to give a fascinating illustrated talk about their latest adventure entitled "**Across Africa in a Classic Aston**". Encouragingly, almost half of the audience were not All Saints regulars. Ticket sales at £10 per head, including tea in the hall, and donations raised £460.

As usual, The Friends were pleased to support the annual **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** on 22 December at 6.30 pm by providing tea for the 30 singers and 8 brass players and mulled wine and mince pies for everyone afterwards. The retiring collection given by the congregation of 120 raised more than £500 for the Parish, further underlining the importance of the service when there are few similar offerings across the Deanery.

Under the direction of Tim Travers-Brown with Luke Bond accompanying on the organ, the eagerly awaited **Come & Sing Stainer's "The Crucifixion"** successfully took place on Saturday 22 February 2025. Income from £20 day tickets for 31 singers less e-booking fees and £150 in sponsorship covered costs of £550 in musician fees and £130 in soloist expenses, leaving an excess of £40. However, a retiring collection of £181 from an audience of 30 after the 3 pm performance plus a donation of £100 yielded a final position of £322, similar to the last time (in October 2022), thereby confirming that the Come & Sing formula involving at least 30 singers continues to be viable financially and chorally.

All the events in 2024/25 were judged beneficial, with the lunchtime recitals and Summer Concert & Hog Roast requiring the greatest effort to organise. Although some returns were modest, the Music Festival in particular played its part in sustaining a sense of community and musical continuity during an uncertain period for the Parish.



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In summary, the table below lists the main activities organised or aided by The Friends in FY 2024/25, whether standalone events or part of the Music Festival. The previous year's results are included for comparison.

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2025											
22 Feb	Come & Sing (Crucifixion)		ASMF		30	Ticket/Collect*				FOAS	

Infrastructure Projects

That the maintenance of church property attracts no Government funding is an important part of the rationale for The Friends' existence. This drives our resolve to fund about half the cost of jointly-sponsored infrastructure work at All Saints and is at the heart of our relationship with the PCC. Aligned with the objectives of the Association, our intent is where possible to pursue projects offering a tangible focus for fundraising, as happened when gilding the organ pipes in 2015 and was again the case when helping to pay for a second phase of **floor tile repairs** in the nave completed in October 2024 by Ruabon Sales Ltd. Given the financial pressure being experienced by the Parish, the Committee decided to pay three-quarters of the cost of the new tiling (£4,500) and also a **new All Saints sign** (£1,125 + VAT on current estimates) in 2025.

The Friends are pleased to continue annual payments of £400 to help defray the expense of routine **organ servicing** and, in the past year, to subsidise the remediation of the **front lawn** generously initiated by two parishioners. This included the removal of the fir tree roots, reseeding, and re-laying the boundary stones. We have also previously expressed a willingness to contribute £1,000 to a further phase of **exterior repointing** when required and, more recently, to the maintenance of the **Sanctus Bell**, specifically the wooden support which will one day need attention costing upwards of £10,000 (excluding scaffolding). In the interim, the 2024 Quinquennial Review recommended strengthening the West bell stock with a steel section rather than replacing the timber "as finances allow".

Lastly, given the comparatively healthy state of funds at our disposal, the Committee will continue to explore other pressing demands for maintenance or repairs that currently might not be affordable by the PCC alone but nevertheless merit The Friends' interest in maintaining the fabric of All Saints.



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Acknowledgements

The Committee is grateful to the PCC and clergy for their support to The Friends and to the congregation for their encouragement in our endeavours to safeguard All Saints as a place of worship and community for future generations. Moreover, we are indebted to Richard King and the musicians who help to sustain the life of All Saints. The Friends look forward to continuing with fundraising events and to All Saints Church hosting more performances of sacred and secular music.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts in the year ended 31 March 2025 amounted to £1,225 in subscriptions (including £125 received in advance to cover 2025-26) and £1,100 in donations. This was pleasingly in excess of £300 above the previous year's giving. These generous contributions were from Friends and neighbours keen to support All Saints church in the local community. In Financial Year 2024/25, £149 was obtained in Gift Aid on donations.

Activities for generating funds in 2024/25 raised £2,804 against £1,992 in expenditure and included the annual Summer Concert and Hog Roast which attracted a modest loss (£65) owing to a downturn in ticket sales on what had been Father's Day.

The Bank Account on 31 March 2024 stood at **£26,024**. During the year, it was agreed to open an interest-bearing account (Nat West Liquidity Manager 95-Day) which on 30 April 2025 stood at **£17,246** with the Current Account at **£5,965**, yielding a total of **£23,211**. Hence there was a **£2,813** reduction in funds year on year. This outcome was mainly the result of a substantial donation to the PCC of £4,500 for the replacement of a large part of the tiled flooring in the church. The Committee aims to fund additional infrastructure work in the order of £8,000 - £10,000 over the next few years. Thus income over expenditure yielded a planned deficit in 2024/25 amounting to £2,724.

The Friends' more significant fund-raising events were the Aston Martin talk and the Come & Sing, both enthusiastically supported by those who attended. In addition, the Friends supported the very well attended Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas. The healthy financial position allows new projects to be planned and, for 2025/26, the Committee will continue to honour its commitment to raising funds through a programme of various activities. Significantly, the Association owes much of its liquidity to the generosity of the trustees of the Dennis Franklin Trust in 2014/15. Lastly, it remains prudent to maintain a balance of at least £1,000 to fund future events and enable us to respond to appeals for funds for any emergency repairs to the Church that may arise.

In this regard it should be noted that, in addition to the donation of £4,500 referred to earlier, at the end of the financial year 2024/25 a contribution was made of around £400 towards the cost of repairs and improvements that otherwise would have fallen to the PCC.



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Donors and Volunteers

Beyond the many good deeds and kindness towards the Church that go unrecorded outside the ambit of The Friends, we would like to reiterate our thanks to all donors for their generosity.

It is also very significant that in July 2025 we will welcome Revd Sam Frampton and his family to the Parish to fuel a much anticipated rejuvenation of the Parish in the locality. We look forward to the further opportunities this will provide for the Friends to demonstrate their support to the Parish.

It is important to recognise that none of this would be achievable without the support of those who do so much to help the work of The Friends.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Receipts & payments account	2024/25		2023/24		
	£	£	£	£	
Receipts					
Subscriptions	125.00		80.00		
Donations	1100.00		805.00		
Legacy	0.00		0.00		
Gift Aid recovered	149.00		362.00		
Activities for generating funds	2804.00		2739.00		
TOTAL Receipts		<u>4,178.00</u>		<u>3,986.00</u>	
Payments					
Activities	1992.00		1558.00		
Repair & improvement to Church	4500.00		483.00		
Chalfont St Peter PCC	410.00		455.00		
Prince's Trust			100.00		
TOTAL Payments		<u>6,902.00</u>		<u>2,596.00</u>	
Receipts over Payments		<i>Deficit</i>	2,724.00	<i>Excess</i>	1,390.00
Bank current account 6 April 2024				£ 26,033.00	

Balance Sheet

Cash Funds

Bank accounts at 6 April 2025	
Current Account	5,965.00
Deposit Account	17,246.00
TOTAL Cash	£ 23,211.00

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Committee by Robert Cunningham (Chairman) and Nick Thompson (Treasurer).

Original signed

R Cunningham

Chairman

Original signed

N Thompson

Treasurer

July 2025



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Notes:

1. The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.
2. There are no fixed assets, liabilities, or designated or restricted funds.
3. Principal activities for generating funds - Receipts and Payments analysis:

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<i>a. Principal activities held in the church for generating funds for The Friends</i>		
Friday Recitals	522	
Aston Martin Talk	459	
Canzona Brass & Hog Roast	1355	
Come and Sing	904	
	<u>£3240</u>	<u>£3209</u>
<i>b. Activities payments</i>		
Friday Recitals	415	
Canzona Brass & Hog Roast	1420	
Come and Sing	690	
	<u>£2525</u>	<u>£2028</u>
<i>c. Balance</i>		
	<u>£715</u>	<u>£1181</u>

4. The Committee considers that for 2024/25, under Sections 144 and 145 of the Charities Act 2011, neither an audit nor an independent examination of these accounts is required by law.