

Report to the members of the Friends of St Mary's Church Cheltenham

I report on the accounts of the Friends of St Mary's Church Cheltenham for the period ending 31st December 2019, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Alan Waller FCCA
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25th August 2020

Friends of St Mary's Church Cheltenham

(Also known as The Friends of Cheltenham Minster, St Mary's)

Report of the Executive Committee

Objectives The Charity's objectives are to advance the Christian religion by providing and assisting in the restoration, preservation, repair, improvement and beautification of St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham and of the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in the church and churchyard belonging to the church and to promote wide interest in the care and preservation of the church, its history and its work, including its continuing use for regular weekly worship.

Charity information Charity Commission no 1102463

Address The Garden House, West Drive, Pittville, Cheltenham, Glos. GL50 4LB

Executive Committee Peter Ormerod (Chairman), John Checketts (Vice Chairman), Jo Mundy (Hon. Treasurer), Liz Horder. Bryan Lawry, Barbara Marsh (resigned February 2020), Kenneth Syme, Christine Ormerod (Hon Secretary).

Constitution The Friends of St Mary's Church Cheltenham was formed by a Constitution dated 14 February 2004. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Treasurer and Hon. Secretary are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Other members of the Executive Committee are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for a term of up to 3 years. All members are eligible for re-election.

Bankers Lloyds Bank, High Street, Cheltenham GL501EW

Financial Report Receipts during the year ending 31 December 2019 amounted to £36,629 (2018: £18,396) and payments during the period were £12,898 (2018: £5,317) giving net receipts over payments of £23,731 (2018: £13,079). Assets were held in cash at the end of the period of £86,624 (2018: £62,647) and stock of £200 (2018: £446)
The charity received no restricted funds income during the year and held no restricted funds at the beginning or the end of the year.

Achievements in 2019 Our income was more this year due to legacies. We continue to spend on advertising church events and to raise money by donations, concerts and members' subscriptions. We have continued to help the Parochial Church Council of St Mary with St Matthew Church Cheltenham (the PCC) pay for the new Minster bells. We have also paid for half the Minster sound system improvement and for new altar frontals.

Plans for the future

Of our assets of £86,624 at the end of the year, about £30,000 is still earmarked to help the PCC to buy the new Magnus organ for the Minster. It is still currently on hire and requires a faculty from the Diocese before proceeding. It has been suggested that the interior lighting could be improved and we also plan to help pay for this. Costs might be of the order of £60,000 but further discussion on this and on the organ faculty has been postponed due to Covid-19 "lockdown".

Peter Ormerod
Chairman
30 June 2020

THE FRIENDS OF CHELTENHAM MINSTER ST MARY'S
Income and Expenses Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>General Fund</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>
2,334	Subscriptions and donations	7,569	307	Printing, stationery, postage	278
2,364	Wall box, books, cards & donations	1,822	1,517	Banners	508
355	Coffee mornings	240	116	Candles	93
2,197	Concerts	1,259	0	Display boards & signs	30
300	In memoriam	0	727	Concerts	117
10,000	Legacies	25,000	239	Advertising & website	291
520	Flowers	520	0	To PCC for Minster merriment	100
311	Refreshments	219	144	Paper cups	162
15	Miscellaneous	0	0	To PCC for half sound system	390
			1,395	To PCC for new bells	5,458
			717	Flowers	490
			0	Altar frontals	4,608
			55	Miscellaneous	0
			0	Stands & music for Music Makers	97
			0	Candelabra repair	30
			100	Diminution of stock	246
<u>18,396</u>		<u>36,629</u>	<u>5,317</u>	Total	<u>12,898</u>
			<u>13,079</u>	Excess of income over expenses	<u>23,731</u>
<u>18,396</u>		<u>36,629</u>	<u>18,396</u>	Grand total	<u>36,629</u>

Balance Sheet 31 December 2019

<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>Balances at Lloyds, cash in hand and stock</u>					
<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>
50,014	Balance at start of year	63,093	62,450	Lloyds Bank	86,436
13,079	Excess of income over expenses	23,731	197	Cash in hand	188
			446	Stock of books and cards	200
<u>63,093</u>		<u>86,824</u>	<u>63,093</u>		<u>86,824</u>

(Hon. Treasurer)

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

There were no outstanding debts or guarantees made by the Friends of St Mary's Church Cheltenham at 31st December 2019 (2018: Nil)

7th July 2020.
JOANNE MUNDY.