

**The Friends of the Church of St Michael and All Angels
at Clifton Hampden**

**Annual Report of the Executive Committee
for the year ended 30 June 2020**

Name of Charity: The Friends of St Michael and All Angels at Clifton Hampden

Charity Registration Number: 1041960

Executive Committee Members who served during the year:

Peter Donkin
Christopher Purvis (Chairman)
Dr Peter Savill (Treasurer – died November 2019)
Fiona Stewart (Secretary and Treasurer)
Rev Canon Paul Wignall (ex officio appointed 7 October 2020)
Gill Wyldbore-Smith

Constitution, objects and grant making policy and practice

The Charity was founded through the adoption of a Constitution on 23 September 1994. The Charity's objects are in summary:

- A) To provide funds with which to advance the Christian religion by helping or enabling:
 - i) The Parochial Church Council (the PCC) to restore, repair and maintain the fabric of the Church;
 - ii) The PCC to provide, restore, repair and maintain monuments, ornaments, furnishings, equipment, organ, lighting, heating, windows and embellishments of the Church.
- B) To pay or apply all or any of the funds of the Charity for all or any of the following purposes:
 - i) Such charitable purposes connected with the Church as the Executive Committee (the Committee) shall determine;
 - ii) Such other charitable purposes as the Committee not being less than five in number shall from time to time declare.

The Charity meets these objectives primarily through the raising of funds from members and other donors, through the management of invested funds and the making of grants to the PCC.

Summary of achievements during the year

Grants totalling £6,352 were made to the PCC during the year. The main grants were for the restoration of the window behind the Gibbs memorial in the chancel and work on the cedar tree.

During the year the generous legacy of £100,000 from Christopher Gibbs, which was reported in last year's annual report, was received. Other major donations were £25,000 from Lady Gibbs, the widow of Sir Roger Gibbs, and £1,250 from Isabel Nurse-Marsh (both including Gift Aid). We are most grateful for these most generous donations.

The Committee confirms that in managing the affairs of the Friends it has had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Plans for the Future - Capital Project

During the year the PCC firmed up its plans for a major capital project, in close conjunction with the Committee of the Friends.

The planned project is in two phases. The first and most urgent is: the roofs, related high-level work and some urgent work at lower levels. The roofs were last recovered approximately 60 years ago and have reached the end of their life. The 2020 quinquennial inspection report recommended that they be renewed as a matter of urgency.

The second wave of the project will be carried out soon after the first phase. The project is being run in two phases primarily because the fundraising from individuals, which is necessary to complete the funding requirement, is being delayed until early 2021 when we hope financial confidence among individuals will have recovered to some extent. The second phase will include: further repairs identified in the quinquennial inspection; repair of a now dangerous flight of steps in the churchyard and some other repairs in the churchyard; improvement of access through the churchyard for people with a disability through a new paved and lit pathway; and the creation of an attractive paved area with memorials to those whose ashes are strewn in the graveyard, which has little further space for burials.

Public Benefit

A strong case for support has been made to funders. There are four main areas of public benefit arising from the preservation of the church. Without a new roof, the village and the public in general will be deprived of this historic building which serves the local community in many guises and is part of England's rich architectural legacy.

- a. ***To retain an architectural gem.*** The church is an architectural gem. It has a "theatrical quality" (Pevsner) standing on its cliff overlooking the River Thames. The oldest remaining elements are the monumental south aisle pillars of the 12th century. The church is of interest in ecclesiastical history as an early product of the Oxford Movement. Joseph Gibbs, the vicar in the 1830s who was concerned about the decline in church life, persuaded his rich elder brother that the church needed redesigning in order to encourage people to participate. They appointed the young architect George Gilbert Scott, who created a masterpiece. He went on to design the Albert Memorial and St Pancras Hotel. "We have had little to restore - it is rather a refoundation", he wrote when working at Clifton Hampden; it is a fine early Tractarian building. The screen with St Michael at the top surrounded by his angels is particularly important (a miniature version of those of Hereford Cathedral (now in the Victoria and Albert Museum) and Lichfield Cathedral). The church is listed 2*.
- b. ***To build its position within the community.*** The church is an integral part of the village community:
 - It has regular services on at least three Sundays every month – and these include services for children.
 - It is important to those who have had family members married or baptized in it or buried in its churchyard.
 - It reaches out to the community: coffee mornings are held in the church; non-religious events are held; the village school holds assemblies and other events.
 - It is a pillar of support, particularly to those who are ill or bereaved, irrespective of their religious beliefs.

Without the physical building the church has no base for these important community activities.

- c. *To share knowledge of the history of the village.* The church plays an important part in the history of the village. It is likely that there was a building on the site of the present church in Saxon times. The first mention of it seems to be in 1146 when Pope Eugenius III confirmed the possessions of Dorchester Abbey. The churchyard dates from 1819 and among those buried in it are Sergeant William Dyke, who is said to have fired the first shot at the Battle of Waterloo, and Major John Howard, who led the daring Pegasus Bridge glider raid in the Second World War. The church was a major element of the physical development of the village during the nineteenth century; at that time also were built the village school, the bridge across the Thames replacing the old ferry and the village hall.
- d. *To welcome visitors.* The village welcomes many visitors and the church is always open in normal times. As the visitors' book in the church demonstrates, the church receives many visitors and being the focal point of the village, is an important element in making Clifton Hampden a tourist destination. Weddings of couples from outside the village are welcomed.

Budgeted Expenditure and Fundraising

The total budgeted expenditure of the project is approximately £476,000.

This fundraising campaign is being managed on a consolidated basis of PCC and Friends to guard against cannibalizing other fundraising efforts for the church. It is expected that some grants and donations will be made to the Friends and some directly to the PCC. A development committee has been formed comprising both churchgoers and non-churchgoers:

Maxine Ford
Donald Francis
Sally Grimwood
Karen Hollin
Rob Hollin
Rosemary Mills
Christopher Purvis
Jon Shepherd
Siobhan Soni
Fiona Stewart
Gill Wyldbore-Smith

During the year a fundraising strategy was developed. Apart from some large donations by close friends, the emphasis for phase one has been on trusts and foundations. We have delayed approaching individuals until later in the year when we hope some financial confidence will have returned.

The Committee decided that £40,000 of reserves that had been built up for this very purpose should be committed to the project. As at 12 October 2020, a total of approximately £300,000 was available for the project in the accounts of either the Friends or the PCC.

Ongoing sustainability

The PCC has developed an ongoing maintenance plan which is costed at £5,500 pa. This is expected to be funded as to £5,000 by income from the investments of the Friends with the balance from the Parish Council.

It will still be necessary for the PCC to raise significant funds each year to cover general running costs. But this project will ensure that the church will be in a good position physically for the foreseeable future.

Finances and reserves policy

Income received during the year ended 30 June 2020 was £132,304, of which investment income and interest amounted to £5,694. Expenditure during the year under review amounted to £6,427. Total net assets at the 30 June 2020 (with investments shown at market value) amounted to £281,743 compared with £179,075 at the previous year end.

At the year end £164,163 was in cash on deposit. This cash is likely to be required for grants to the PCC for the capital project.

The value of investments fell significantly during the year and stood at £112,020 as at 30 June 2020.

The Committee is most grateful to all its donors for their continuing support in providing funds which help ensure the future of the beautiful church building on its cliff above the river.

Membership of the Committee and induction process for new members of the Committee

We were greatly saddened by the death during the year of Dr Peter Savill. He had taken on the role of treasurer only a year before. We were most grateful to his support of the Friends over many years and for his work during the last year. We shall miss his wisdom and gentle good humour.

We are most grateful to Fiona Stewart for stepping in as treasurer in addition to her role as secretary.

We are delighted to welcome Paul Wignall as our new vicar and as a member of the Committee.

All the current members of the Committee have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee is keen to welcome new members. Anyone who believes they have skills to bring and would like to become involved are warmly encouraged to discuss this with a Committee member before the Annual General Meeting.

New members of the Committee are provided with a copy of the Constitution and have meetings with the chairman and other members in order to learn about the activities of the Friends.

Related Party Transactions

Christopher Purvis and Paul Wignall are members of the PCC to which grants are made. Peter Donkin's company, PJD Construction, carried out some emergency repairs on the roof after the February storms.

Annual General Meeting

We usually hold our Annual General Meeting in January and take the opportunity to hold a party for Friends. As at the date of this report it seems unlikely that such a gathering will be possible and that it will be necessary to hold the Meeting on Zoom. Further details will be circulated to members in due course. The Committee in the meantime welcomes and comments or questions on the Annual Report and Accounts or on any other matter.

Christopher Purvis
12 October 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Purvis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

The Friends of the Church of St Michael and All Angels at Clifton Hampden

On accounts for the year ended

30 June 2020

Charity no (if any)

1041960

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 10/2/21

Name: Kevin Jarvey

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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**THE FRIENDS THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
AT CLIFTON HAMPDEN**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	Year ended 30 June 2020	Year ended 30 June 2019
		£	£
INCOME			
Subscriptions		370	370
Bank Interest		92	48
Donations and Legacies	1	121,000	50
Tax rebate gift aid		5,150	74
Investment Income	3	5,502	5,342
AGM Raffle		90	390
		132,304	6,274
EXPENDITURE			
Bank Charges		75	60
PCC for Church Expenses	2	6,352	2,825
		6,427	2,885
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		125,877	3,389
Loss/Gain on revaluation of investments	3	(23,209)	(4,880)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN RESERVES		102,668	(1,491)
RESERVES BROUGHT FWD		179,075	180,566
RESERVES CARRIED FWD		281,743	179,075

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	£	30 June 2020 £	£	30 June 2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments:	3		112,020		135,228
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and accrued Income		487			
Gift Aid	4	5,074		222	
Bank Balance					
CAF Cash Account		3,834		3,834	
CAF Gold Account		60,329		39,791	
Fixed Term Account		100,000	<u>169,724</u>		<u>43,847</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>281,743</u>		<u>179,075</u>
 REPRESENTED BY:					
Surplus of Income over expenditure			125,877		3,389
(Loss)/Surplus on investment revaluation			<u>(23,209)</u>		<u>(4,880)</u>
			102,668		(1,491)
Reserves from previous years			<u>179,075</u>		<u>180,566</u>
			<u>281,743</u>		<u>179,075</u>

Christy Paris
12 October 2020

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

1. Donations and Legacies

Major donations and legacies received during the period was as follows:

	<u>30 June</u> <u>2020</u> £
Christopher Gibbs Legacy	100,000
Lady Gibbs	20,000
Isabel Nurse-Marsh	1,000
	<u>121,000</u>

2. Grants to PCC

	<u>30 June</u> <u>2020</u> £	<u>30 June</u> <u>2019</u> £
Gibbs Memorial Glass	3,101	-
Roof repairs	540	-
Cedar Tree pruning	2,148	-
Modification of hand rails	-	2,441
Sundry repairs	563	384
	<u>6,352</u>	<u>2,825</u>

3. Investments

	Valuation as at 30 June 2019 £	Valuation as at 30 June 2020 £	Gain (Loss) on Revaluation £	Income £
Schroders Charity Equity Fund	49,177	36,448	(12,689)	1,953
M & G Charibond	14,861	15,016	155	336
M & G Charifund	31,897	25,700	(6,197)	1,667
BlackRock Charishare	39,293	34,815	(4,478)	898
	<u>135,228</u>	<u>112,020</u>	<u>(23,209)</u>	<u>4,854</u>