The Friends of St Mary's Gamlingay Chairman's Report for 2021

Following two years of Covid restrictions, event led fund raising activity was still deemed to be very risky to attempt. It was also the year in which the replacement of the lead on the roof and other major repairs were to begin. Whilst considerable funds were obtained through various grants there was still to be a considerable shortfall.

It was decided that the best way to make up that shortfall was to approach directly local businesses and individuals to request donations. In the event this proved to be very successful and thanks to their generosity in excess of £70,000 was donated much of it from local companies as part of their charitable giving for the year, deductable from their tax and therefore not eligible for gift aid.

Not all the works were completed in 2021 and until the final account has been rendered there is little requirement for further fundraising other than the amounts donated on a monthly/quarterly basis by individuals.

Signed

Chairman

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The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to (a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and (b) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and (c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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