



# Friends of St Lawrence Trust

Registered Charity No. 1112950

## Annual Report - 2015

### Mission

The Friends of St. Lawrence Church Trust exists in order to help ensure the preservation of Bovingdon's Parish Church and Churchyard for current and future generations. We are a registered charity which is independent from the Church but works closely with it in order to fulfil our objectives.

### General

2015 was a momentous year for the Trust.

We have completed the first phase of the pathway around the churchyard. The pathway was opened and blessed by our Vicar, Charles Burch on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015 attended by Mayor Gbola Adeleke and his wife, Caroline. This was, of course, just the first phase and we will now be consulting with parishioners and neighbouring residents and seeking the relevant regulatory approvals to move on to the second phase. It is our hope that we can make our churchyard a welcoming amenity to be enjoyed by the people of Bovingdon, young and old.

Work has commenced on the restoration of certain of the stained glass windows. The church clock has been removed having been sent to Derby to be re-enamelled which will also involve the renewal of the gold leaf for the numbering. Its removal also means that the mechanism can be accessed for a proper overhaul.

### Activities

The pathway was financed from the bequest received from the estate of the late Donald Moore

Pauline Wright hosted two coffee mornings and we held a flower and arts festival over August Bank holiday weekend. Despite the horrid weather the people of Bovingdon turned out to make it a resounding success. This means that the above refurbishments can be paid for with funds left over for other projects and the inevitable emergencies that will arise.

### Finance

We started the year with funds of £58,757.10 of which £49,550.00 was restricted for the churchyard project with the remainder designated by the Trustees for the restoration of the stained glass windows. We are carrying forward £54,290.78 of which £31,005.20 remains restricted and b£18,000 designated by the trustees for the refurbishment of the stained glass windows and the clock.

### Personnel

There were no changes to the trustees during the year. They are Charles Burch, Pauline Wright, Jane Cayley, Carl Perkins and John Walker.

John Walker  
Chairman and Treasurer