



The Friends of St Lawrence Church Bovingdon

Registered Charity No. 1112950

Annual Report - 2017

Mission

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

The governing document for the Trust is the Trust Deed dated 5th October 2005.

Principal Office

Long Meadow, Flaunden Lane, Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, HP3 0PA

General

Phase II of the churchyard project is substantially complete. The pathway itself is complete as the installation of statue depicting Mother and Child. The oak carving by Daniel Cordell is complete and has received many favourable comments. There now remains the installation of the statue by Matthew Maddocks which will be completed by the end of February. In total £22,885 has been spent and a further £7,000 will be required to complete the project.

The Tower door has now been restored by Peter Hope at a cost of £1,746. We are grateful to Ashley Boddy for donating this money, which is in memory of Hillary.

The next substantial project will be the redecoration of the interior of the church which will be a major undertaking.

Activities

During the year, Pauline Wright hosted a coffee morning and we held an Open Gardens event which raised an aggregate of £6,234, remarkably similar to the £6,223 raised last year. The inaugural Music Festival raised a further £3,338.

Donations made to the PCC of St. Lawrence Church aggregated £2,076 of which £1,746 was in respect of the restoration of the tower door.

Donations received aggregating £6,865 were well down on last year's exceptional amount and is more in line with other years.

Finance

We started the year with funds of £58,255 of which £31,005.20 was restricted for the churchyard project. We are carrying forward a balance of £51,147 of which £8,120.23 is restricted for the churchyard project. £42,492 is held at the discretion of the Trustees. Most of this money will be consumed by the redecoration of the interior of the church.

Accounts

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis

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