

**The Friends of St Lawrence  
Church, Bovingdon**  
Registered Charity NO. 1112950  
**Annual Report 2024**

### **Mission**

The Friends of St Lawrence Church Bovingdon, often referred to as The Friends of St. Lawrence Trust, exists 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 the Parochial Church Council to fulfil its objectives.

The governing document for the Trust is the Trust Deed date 5<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

### **Principal Office**

The Cart Sheds, Bovingdon Green, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0LB

### **General**

Our main purpose is to raise funds to finance its objectives which are to support St Lawrence Church to preserve the church building and the surrounding churchyard as laid down in our Trust Deed.

### **Activities**

It was decided that we would not compete with St Lawrence Church as it seeks to raise funds for the building of an annexe to the church.

We held the annual coffee morning raising £1,127.69.

As in previous years a Christmas card was produced. Sales of the cards produced a surplus of £573.20. The improvement was due to the generous gift by Marion Perkins of the artwork for the card. The card was well received and all were sold.

Donations amounting to £29,609.04 were made to St. Lawrence Church. Of this figure £24,330.80 represented the final payments for the essential repairs to the south-east corner of the chancel.

### **Finance**

At the beginning of the year the Trust's funds aggregated £38,729.82 and at the end of the year they had been reduced to £13,434.90 primarily due to the donations made to St Lawrence Church. The Restricted Fund amounting to £1,120.23 was exhausted during the year due to the cost of maintaining the churchyard. The Trustees elected to Designate £5,000.00 from the General Fund for future works in connection with the churchyard. The balance being £8,434.90 is held in General Fund at the discretion of the trustees.

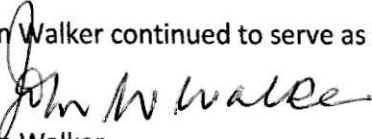
### **Accounts**

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

## Personnel

No changes to the Trustees occurred during the year and the trustees serving the Charity on 31 December were, Caroline Walker, Pauline Wright, Jane Caley, Beth Ponsonby, Charles Burch, John Walker and Sue Adams.

John Walker continued to serve as Chairman and Treasurer.

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John Walker  
Chairman and Treasurer

14. 01. 2025