



Friends of Dedham Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the ended 31 December 2021

Registered charity No 1103634



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Annual Report 2021

Registered Charity Number:

Charity No: 1103634

Registered Address:

Albany House, School Lane, Dedham, Colchester CO7 6HF

Charity Trustees who served in 2021

M Jane Jewell (Chairman)

Beth Mitchell (Secretary)

David Druitt (Treasurer)

Maria Johnston (Membership Secretary)

David Jewell

Linda Redlich (PCC representative – appointed November 2021)

Jill Strangward

Suzanne Woods

Kevin Taylor

Jayne Anderson

Rev Antony Wilson (ex officio - resigned September 2021)

Independent Financial Examiner

Philip Strangward

Objective of the Charity:

To maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct for the benefit of the public the fabric of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Dedham its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments and other chattels and its churchyard. In addition, the Society may support any charitable purpose in the parish of Dedham that promotes the whole mission of the said Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Background

2020 was another year dominated by the problems of Covid. We decided once again to cancel plans for the Dedham Ball. However we did hold the summer members' drinks party and I want to thank Nick and Jayne Anderson, our hosts for the evening, and all the stalwart members who braved the torrential downpour.

Membership

In 2020 our membership was 146. During 2021 sadly 2 members died, 7 left, 10 joined and 2 returned, leaving us with a current membership of 149.

Main Donations 2021

The main donation during 2021 was an amount of £10,000 towards the repairs to the church guttering. Since the year end the Trustees have organised and paid for an inscribed upstand to one of the wooden window shelves to acknowledge the work of Peter Gibbins (who died in 2021) and James Marven in building the hospitality unit and toilets.

Future Church Fabric Needs

The church is due to undergo a quinquennial review of the fabric during 2022. This will be carried out by a qualified surveyor, who will report on the condition of the church fabric and the urgency of any work required. The PCC will then produce a schedule of works, likely costs, and their priorities. Until this is done it is difficult to assess what financial assistance might be asked of the Friends. The Trustees of the Friends are mindful of the previous concerns about the stained glass windows and very much hope that this work will be undertaken in the near future.

A request has been received from Peter Wilson, Church Warden, to assist with the cost of replacing the pipe organ with another pipe organ, although I understand no final decision to do so has yet been taken. If the work does proceed it will not be for several years, and at unknown and very substantial cost. The Trustees have said we are willing to assist to a modest extent, but the amount will depend on our finances at the time.

Fund Raising Activities

As mentioned earlier, the Dedham Ball, our principal fund raising activity was not held in 2021.

Financial Review

The financial performance for the year is provided in the accounts prepared by David Druitt, and independently examined by Philip Strangward. Income during the year was severely reduced due to the absence of fund

raising activities and consisted mainly of members' subscriptions and a few donations.

Future Events

The Dedham Ball will be held on Friday 20 May at Le Talbooth. The summer members' drinks party will be held on the evening of Thursday 25 August, although the venue has yet to be arranged. It is also hoped to arrange a members' visit, possibly to Waddesdon Manor, in the autumn.

Trustees

Trustees who have served during the year are detailed in this report. Since the year end Beth Mitchell, who was the main instigator for the formation of the Friends back in 2004, has resigned as a Trustee. However she will remain a much valued member of our committee and I thank her for all her work and support. Rev Antony Wilson resigned as Vicar of Dedham in September and as you will probably know has not yet been replaced. In November Linda Redlich was appointed as the PCC representative.

David Druitt, whilst continuing as a Trustee, is stepping down from his role as Treasurer and I would like to thank him for his work over recent years. Sara Marshall will take over this role, but will not become a Trustee.

Those Trustees retiring and offering themselves for re-election, are David Jewell and Maria Johnston.

I would like to thank the committee and our members for their continued support and look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting.

M Jane Jewell
Chairman

February 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	1.a	3,717	-	3,717	4,005
Fundraising events	1.b	1,125	-	1,125	2,948
Investment income		<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>130</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>4,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,847</u>	<u>7,083</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	2.a	(601)	-	(601)	(887)
Fundraising events costs	1.b	(663)	-	(663)	(2,948)
Grants	2.b	(10,573)	-	(10,573)	(34,436)
Governance costs	2.c	<u>(350)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(350)</u>	<u>(300)</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		<u>(12,187)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,187)</u>	<u>(38,571)</u>
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources		<u>(7,340)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,340)</u>	<u>(31,488)</u>
Net movement in funds		(7,340)	-	(7,340)	(31,488)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>63,707</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>63,862</u>	<u>95,350</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>56,367</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>56,522</u>	<u>63,862</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtor: Gift aid refund		823	1,194
Debtor: Vat refund		403	403
Stock of Christmas cards	7	-	42
Bank current account		3,685	1,611
Bank deposit account		<u>58,786</u>	<u>60,912</u>
		63,697	64,162
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	3	<u>(7,175)</u>	<u>(300)</u>
Net assets		<u>56,522</u>	<u>63,862</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	4	56,367	63,707
Restricted funds	4, 5	<u>155</u>	<u>155</u>
Total funds		<u>56,522</u>	<u>63,862</u>

The financial statements on pages 1 to 5 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 14 February 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



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M. Jane Jewell
Chairman

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 Incoming resources

a) Voluntary income (grossed up for gift aid where relevant)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Subscriptions	2,427	-	2,427	2,571
Donations	238	-	238	240
Collection boxes	992	-	992	1,146
Sale of Christmas cards	60	-	60	48
	<u>3,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,717</u>	<u>4,005</u>

b) Fundraising events (Unrestricted income)

	Income £	Expenses £	Net Proceeds £
	-	-	-
Party	1,125	663	462
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,125</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>462</u>

Due to COVID 19 no other events were staged during the year.

2 Resources Expended

a) Costs of generating voluntary income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Website costs	62	-	62	276
Insurance	401	-	401	445
Postage, printing and stationery	-	-	-	72
Cost of Christmas cards sold	42	-	42	34
Bank charges	96	-	96	60
	<u>601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>887</u>

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b) Grants agreed

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
PCC - new toilets & hospitality unit	-	-	-	31,561
PCC - guttering repairs	10,000	-	10,000	-
PCC - 50% of church collection boxes	573	-	573	1,324
Dedham School - audio visual/ PA system	-	-	-	1,500
Dedham School bus trips	-	-	-	51
	<u>10,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,573</u>	<u>34,436</u>

c) Governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
AGM costs	-	-	-	-
Accounts preparation and examination	350	-	350	300
	<u>350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>300</u>

3 Creditors and accruals

	2021 £	2020 £
Accounts preparation & examination	350	300
2022 Summer Ball advance ticket sales	6,825	-
	<u>7,175</u>	<u>300</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

4 Analysis of Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Current account	3,685	-	3,685	1,611
Deposit account	58,631	155	58,786	60,912
Debtors, prepayments & accrued income	1,226	-	1,226	1,597
Stock of Christmas cards	-	-	-	42
Liabilities, accruals & deferred income	(350)	-	(350)	(300)
	<u>63,192</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>63,347</u>	<u>63,862</u>

5 Restricted Funds

	Bal B/F £	Income £	Costs £	Grants £	Bal C/F £
Muniment Room book purchase & repairs	155	-	-	-	155

Purposes of the restricted funds

Muniment Room book purchase & repairs

Donation received to support Dedham Church Muniment Room Library

6 Payments to trustees and related parties

With the exception noted below regarding the independent examiner, there were no disclosable transactions in respect of trustees or persons closely connected to them, nor other related parties.

7 Sales and stock of Christmas cards

There was a stock of 15 packs of cards brought forward from the previous year (2020 - 27) at a total cost value of £42. All 15 packs were sold in the year leaving no further stock to carry forward.

8 Independent examiner

In the accounts for year ended 31 December 2015 it was noted that the wife of the independent examiner, Mrs Jill Strangward, had become a member of the trustees. It was put to the AGM following whether this could be regarded as impinging on his independence as an examiner. It was dismissed as a concern at the AGM and he has been re-appointed in the following years. His fee for the current year is £350 (2020 - £300). He has offered himself for re-appointment for the forthcoming year.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Friends of Dedham Church

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Friends of Dedham Church Charity

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

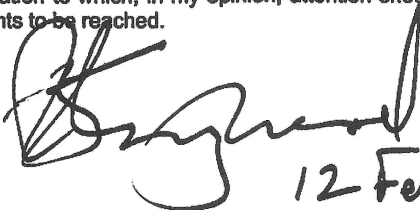
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect that the requirements

- to keep records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met.

I need to draw the attention of the trustees to the fact that the amount shown as a debtor in the accounts for a Vat refund of £403 may ultimately prove irrecoverable. Whilst I understand that it is the trustees' opinion that it should be recovered, it is currently the subject of discussion between the Friends and the PCC. These discussions had not been concluded at the date of this report. I cannot therefore express an opinion as to whether the debt at the balance sheet date is good and collectible.

With the exception of the note above relating to the debtor for Vat, no other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Philip Strangward
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12 February 2022