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THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BIGGLESWADE

NEWSLETTER

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Registered Charity No. 294338

THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S is a Society of those who through the payment of an annual or life subscription assist the Parochial Church Council, to care for the fabric of the Parish Church. Previously the entity was known as the St Andrew's Preservation Trust.

RECENT INCOME

2021/2022	£1,000
2022/2023	£2,200
2023/2024	£3,700

Not including revaluation of investments between April 2021 and March 2024 a gain of £3,750 in the period.

MEMBERSHIP CURRENTLY 147!

Life Friends 75 Annual Friends 72 plus 'In Memoriam' 68

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGM/Social Evening to be held in the Chapter House on Friday 4 October 2024, with a Speaker, who is a tour guide at St Albans Cathedral, giving an illustrated talk on the history of the building and recent developments.

Saturday 14 September – the Bike n Hike Fundraiser – watch for more detail.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Annual Subscription	£10
Under 18's	£2
Life Membership	£100
In Memoriam	£100

Cheques should be payable to "The Friends of St. Andrews" or direct to the bank Sort Code 30-90-79 Account No. 00064796 with your name as reference

OUR MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Total sum raised since 1986	£440,000

Total Grants to PCC up to April 2018	£246,000
South Door Porch (July 2018)	£47,000
Organ Restoration (October 2018)	£24,000
Roof Alarm Installation (2019)	£3,000
Stonework after Quinquennial (2020)	£39,000
Chapter House Path resurfaced (2020)	£4,000
Electrical Testing and Repairs to Lighting (2022)	£3,000
Heating Appeal (2023)	£12,000

RECENT GRANTS TO PCC

In 2019 the Friends contributed a grant towards the installation of a roof alarm on the Church and committed to pay for its maintenance for 5 years which comes to an end in 2024. A total sum of £7,500.

In October 2023 the Friends made a grant towards the heating appeal to meet the cost of one of the new boilers in the sum of £12,000. Heating the Church in colder months helps prevent damp and decay, to maintain the integrity of the building.

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The last year has seen significant change and sadness; the passing of Sylvia Rutt, along with Philip Rutt's decision to stand down as Trustee and Secretary to the Friends, has left a notable and substantial void. Since the founding of the Trust, Sylvia and Philip's dedication, commitment, drive, enthusiasm and hard work have made a massive contribution to raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for the maintenance and preservation of St Andrew's. Together, more than any other two people, they deserve our thanks and recognition for all that has been accomplished by the Friends.

NEW TRUSTEES

Each year three positions become available for election of Trustees – to serve for three years. At the AGM, 4 October, we will be electing Trustees for the next triennium – PLEASE GIVE THOUGHT TO THIS

In addition we are seeking a new secretary to the Friends.