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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

2020/2021	£6,300
2021/2022	£1,000
2022/2023	£2,200

Not including revaluation of investments between April 2019 and March 2023 a gain of £2,700 in the period.

MEMBERSHIP CURRENTLY 144!

Life Friends 77 Annual Friends 69 plus 'In Memoriam' 63

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGM in Chapter House TBA for January

Please give thought about seeking election as a Trustee, there will be/are vacancies.

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	£432,000

Total Grants to PCC up to April 2017	£243,000
South Door Porch (July 2018)	£47,000
Organ Restoration (October 2018)	£24,000
Roof Alarm and Maintenance (2019)	£5,000
Stonework after Quinquennial (2020)	£39,000
Chapter House Path resurfaced (2020)	£4,000
Electrical Testing and Repairs to Lighting (2022)	£3,000

CURRENT COMMITMENTS

To pay for annual roof alarm maintenance approx. £800 pa

At the Trust's suggestion, to meet the full cost of repainting the parking lines on the Church Car Park and the provision of a third disabled parking space

An initial grant towards the heating appeal to meet the cost of one of the new boilers in the sum of £12,000.

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We were saddened to hear of the news that one of the founder Trustees, Revd Canon Peter Hill past away in May. Peter was Vicar of the Parish from 1979 to 1990 and it was his foresight to retain the Trust following the successful Tower Appeal in 1986/1987, the Trust later becoming the Friends of St Andrews. Without this foresight the Parish Church would not have been so well maintained all these years. May Peter rest in peace and rise in glory.

In January this year, Derek Whinnett stood down as Chairman of the Trust, after 11 years in the post, having taken over from Peter Vickers in 2012. We thank Derek for his leadership during his tenure and are pleased he continues as a trustee.