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THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BIGGLESWADE

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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

2022/2023	£2,200
2023/2024	£3,700
2024/2025	£2,100

Not including revaluation of investments between April 2022 and March 2025 a gain of £4,200 in the period.

MEMBERSHIP CURRENTLY 144!

Life Friends 75 Annual Friends 69 plus 'In Memoriam' 70

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGM/Social Evening to be held in the Chapter House on Friday 3 October 2025, with a speaker, giving a talk on the Millennium Stained Glass Window, its planning, design, creation and installation.

Saturday 13 September – the Bike n Hike Fundraiser – watch for more detail.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Annual Subscription	£12
Under 18's	£2
Life Membership	£110
In Memoriam	£110

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	£442,000

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 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.

The Trustees have now indicated that they will consider grants towards the required works on the North Aisle Roof and for the replacement of the flagpole on the tower.

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After 30 years as a Trustee, Derek Whinnett, stood down at the October 2024 AGM. Derek was Chairman of the Trust for 11 years of those years.

We thank Derek for his dedication and commitment to the Trust and for his knowledge of the building and his hard work in fundraising, particularly noting the Bottle Stall at the annual Garden Party, where he was ably assisted by his wife Gill and daughter Clare.

NEW TRUSTEES

Each year three positions become available for election of Trustees – to serve for three years. At the AGM, 3 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.