

The Friends of St Anne's Church, Kew

Registered Charity Number 1085389

Kew Green, Richmond TW9 3AA

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 6 APRIL 2022 TO 5 APRIL 2023

Section A – Reference and Administrative Details

TRUSTEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>by whom appointed</u>
Giles Fraser	President	Vicar
Lorraine Neale	Chairman	elected Chairman
Catherine Lyon (until 23 April 2023)		Churchwarden
John Mortley		Churchwarden
Adrian Bradshaw (from 23 April 2023)		Churchwarden
Simon Mollett	Treasurer	elected Treasurer
Benjamin H Jones	Secretary	elected Secretary
Wendy Booth		elected
Belinda Pethick		elected
Lynn Tandler (from 17 May 2023)		co-opted

Lady Lorraine Neale, who has been Chairman of The Friends since 2016, has decided to step down at the AGM this year. Lady Neale has been an exceptionally hard-working Chairman and has, almost single-handedly, organised a vast schedule of talks during this time which have entertained and educated our members and the public and have raised significant sums for the work of The Friends. We are sure all members join the Committee in thanking her for all her efforts on our behalf.

Section B – Structure, governance and management

The Friends of St Anne's Church, Kew, is a registered charity under the Charities Act constituted pursuant to a Constitution adopted on the 27th day of January 2001. It is managed by an Executive Committee composed of a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and two to six members (all elected at the charity's annual general meeting) plus the Vicar of St Anne's Church, the two churchwardens and any additional members who may be co-opted by the Committee during the year pursuant to article 7(2) of the Constitution.

Section C – Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects, as set out in the Constitution, are to aid in the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification, for the benefit of the public, of St Anne's

Church and its churchyard and of the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels therein.

Having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, the charity has undertaken to:

- *Raise funds to help maintain the fabric of the church and churchyard*
- *Finance special projects to restore the churchyard*
- *Promote public awareness of the church and its place in the history of Kew.*

The trustees consider that these activities satisfy the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The charity makes grants solely to St Anne's PCC, has no investments other than bank accounts and has no employees; it relies entirely on the hard work of volunteers running the charity.

Section D – Achievements and performance

The events offered during the year 2022-2023 were as follows:

8 OCTOBER 2022 – EXPLORING RELIGION

- **'CHOSEN - Lost and Found between Christianity & Judaism.'** GILES FRASER Talk & Book Signing in conjunction with Kew Bookshop. We are delighted to welcome The Reverend Canon Dr Giles Fraser, Vicar of St Anne's Church, Kew, President of The Friends of St Anne's and well-known journalist and broadcaster to talk about his latest book recently published in paperback. 'Intensely moving, luminous & rather magnificent' THE TIMES 'Arresting, fascinating the former Canon of St Paul's reveals how exploring his Jewish roots saved him from depression' THE OBSERVER 'The reflections about the relationship between Judaism and Christianity are diverse and profound ...a most stimulating book' THE TABLET

29 OCTOBER 2022 – CURRENT SPACE EXPLORATION WITH AN ASTRONOMER

- **'THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE: FROM LAUNCH TO FIRST SCIENCE' TALK by DR. EMMA CURTIS-LAKE.** Astronomer STFC Webb Fellow. Dr Emma Curtis-Lake from the Centre for Astrophysics Research, University of Hertfordshire, is one of three new dedicated fellows appointed in August 2021 by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) to bring the science of the James Webb Space Telescope to us the public, schools, and scientific communities. Emma will take us on a tour of the Universe, from our own Galaxy to the edges of the Universe as seen by JWST.

10 DECEMBER 2022 – CURRENT NEWS & HISTORY OF ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS SHIP

- **'SHACKLETON: A HEROIC FAILURE?' TALK by FREDDIE WITTS.** Freddie Witts, Archivist at Dulwich College will explain in his talk that in the 100 years since Ernest Shackleton's death, he has gone from being a forgotten man of exploration to overshadowing his rival Scott in modern media attention. Freddie cares for the *James Caird* lifeboat, one of just four vessels remaining from the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration.

26 JANUARY 2023: LIVE MUSIC

- **'CANDELIGHT MUSIC RECITAL' by THE PHILHARMONIA CHAMBER PLAYERS.** The Philharmonia Chamber Players are delighted to present an evening of string trios from the Classical era; featuring Haydn's only work for this combination of instruments and Beethoven's irresistible dance-inspired Serenade in D major, framing a concise masterpiece by the youthful Franz Schubert. Emily Davis - violin, Sylvain Séailles - viola, Richard Birchall – cello. Hosted by Linda & Jan Pethick.

18 FEBRUARY 2023 – NATURAL HISTORY – KEW MILLENIUM SEED BANK

- **'KEW'S MILLENNIUM SEED BANK – SAVING THE FUTURE' TALK by Dr ELINOR BREMAN** Dr Elinor Breman, 'Senior Research Leader, Seed Conservation at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew' who is based at Kew's wild botanic garden, Wakehurst, in West Sussex has been working for Kew's Millennium Seed Bank since 2013 and now manages this global plant conservation programme. She will talk about the role of seed banks in conservation – how they operate and why we need them – as well as the global partnership that underpins the work of the Millennium Seed Bank, providing insights to several current projects.

11 MARCH 2023 – ART HISTORY

- **'THE UNITY OF ALL THE ARTS – ARTS & CRAFTS ARCHITECTS IN LATE-VICTORIAN & EDWARDIAN ENGLAND' TALK by Dr HOWARD BAILES.** Dr Howard Bailes, Archivist, and former history teacher at St Paul's Girls' School, will discuss the nature of arts and crafts, exploring the work of several architects and explain the foundation of the Art Workers' Guild. Also considering not only the design of buildings but how, with stained glass, woven silk and other means, these architects sought to adorn the interiors of the buildings they had designed.

22 APRIL 2023 – HISTORY NATURAL WORLD

- **MARK CATESBY THE EIGHTEENTH – CENTURY ENGLISH NATURALIST, EXPLORER, ARTIST & AUTHOR. TALK & BOOK SIGNING by HENRIETTA MCBURNEY.** Henrietta McBurney, a freelance curator, and art historian, previously curator in the Royal Library, Windsor Castle, will tell us about Mark Catesby who studied the flora and fauna of the New World publishing his Natural history of Carolina, Florida, and the Bahama Islands between 1729 and 1747. Henrietta's book, *Illuminating Natural History. The Art and Science of Mark Catesby* was published by the Paul Mellon Centre.

20 MAY 2023 – BRITISH EMPIRE HISTORY

- **GANDHI vs CHURCHILL – TRIUMPH & DISASTER AT THE END OF THE RAJ' Talk & Book Signing by PETER POPHAM, 'INDIA BE DAMNED – A Novel of Partition'.** Peter Popham, journalist & author, who was based in Delhi as The Independent's India correspondent when he became fascinated with Mahatma Gandhi, the modest Gujarati lawyer who, defying Churchill, relieved the British Empire of its crown jewel without violence. This year marks the 75th anniversary of Gandhi's assassination.

17 JUNE 2023 – AGM

- An A5 Booklet listing *'THE FRIENDS of St ANNE'S CHURCH, KEW – ALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS - SPRING 2016 - SPRING 2023'* will be available to pick up at the AGM. We will also post it onto the Friends website.

Membership

Membership at the end of the financial year 2022-23 stood at 148 with two members joining during the year. Subscriptions for the new year became due on 06 April 2023 and membership is currently at 138 with some renewals still being received.

Section E – Financial review (see attached Statement of Account for the year ending 5th April 2023)

Following completion of the renovation of the churchyard wall in 2020-21, The Friends have adopted the planned restoration of the pathway in the churchyard as our next project – we hope it can be carried out soon.

Total income in the year was £13,843 , arising from the generosity of our members and from the resumed full programme of live events. The income reflects the hard work of so many in putting on these events.

The trustees of The Friends have set a reserves policy that reflects its objects – it only seeks to hold reserves sufficient to fund the overheads needed to continue its operations for the coming year, being no more than £1,000. Reserves above that amount are held solely with the aim of funding suitable projects identified by St Anne's PCC. Reserves have now been re-built to fund the restoration of the pathway in the churchyard and act as a starter for future projects.

The trustees have considered the risks facing the charity and have instituted the appropriate controls over the use of the charity's funds held at bank and appropriate insurance for public liability.

No trustees receive any remuneration from the charity. In the course of the year, expenses were paid to trustees as reimbursement of expenses directly incurred as part of the charity's fund-raising events.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature

Full name - Susan Lorraine Neale

Position - Chairman

Date



Years to 5 April

Income and Expenditure Account

	Year 2022-23	Year 2021-22
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions	£4,289	4,611
Other donations (largely prompted by events in 2021-22)	£1,951	5,208
Gift Aid recovery (3 years outstanding)	£0	0
Events (net of costs) (Notes 1 and 2) :	£	
1 Golden Age (Susan Bailes)	972	
2 Chosen (Giles Fraser)	1,177	
3 JWST (Emma Curtis-Lake)	804	
4 Shackleton (Freddie Witt)	968	
5 Concert	1,580	
6 Millenium seedbank (Elinor Breman)	1,040	
7 Arts and Crafts (Howard Bailes)	1,025	
Total from Events (net)	£7,567	4,247
Christmas cards, artists leaflets and woodcut cards (net)	£36	351
Bank SWITCH reward (Note 4)	£0	1,500
Bank interest	£0	0
TOTAL INCOME	£13,843	15,918
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to St. Anne's PCC (re-direction of £300 music donations and £615 for floodlighting repairs)	-£915	0
IT equipment and expenses (Note 5)	-£784	-2,530
Public liability insurance	-£350	-350
Other admin expenses	£0	-210
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£2,049	-3,091
NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD	£11,794	12,827
Opening reserves	£17,753	4,926
Movement in period	£11,794	12,827
CLOSING RESERVES (Note 3)	£29,547	17,753
Represented by:		
Cash at bank (Note 4)	£29,738	18,295
Cash in hand	£0	0
Provision for unearned income and costs (Note 2)	-£191	-542
NET ASSETS	£29,547	17,753

NOTES

1. These accounts are prepared on a cash basis, with no value ascribed to any fixed assets or to any stock held at the end of events.
2. Provisions are made at the year-end where cash has been received for events not yet held and where costs are known but outstanding.
3. All reserves are unrestricted.
4. Cash at bank was all held at NatWest bank until June 2021; thereafter, the Charity's banking has been with the Co-operative Bank.
5. IT equipment and expenses consists of:

	2022-23
IT equipment	£0
Zoom	£265
IT students	£270
RADAR charge for blocking card-testing in May	£234
34 SP (website hosting)	£15
	<u>£784</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee
17/05/2023