

The Friends of St Anne's Church, Kew

Registered Charity Number 1085389

Kew Green, Richmond TW9 3AA

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 6 APRIL 2025 TO 5 APRIL 2026

Section A – Reference and Administrative Details

TRUSTEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>by whom appointed</u>
Giles Fraser	President	Vicar
John Mortley		Churchwarden
Adrian Bradshaw		Churchwarden
Simon Mollett	Treasurer	elected Treasurer
Benjamin H Jones	Secretary	elected Secretary
Wendy Booth		elected
Belinda Pethick		elected
Lynn Tandler		elected

In the absence of an elected Chairman since 2023, the Treasurer Simon Mollett has been chairing committee meetings. We would welcome suitable candidates – the key skills required are interpersonal skills and the ability to plan the future succession of committee members.

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. As noted above, it does not currently have a Chairman.

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 and enhance public use of the church*
- *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 fund-raising events offered during the year 2025-2026 were as follows:

- **3 June 2025 – Steven McRae in Conversation with Giles Fraser.**
- **7 June 2025 – *Madagascar: Forget Lemurs, the Fungi are Fabulous*, presented by Lee Davies, Fungarium Collections Manager, RBG Kew.**
- **1 October 2025 – a *Candlelit Recital* at the home of Linda and Jan Pethick, Kew Green.**
- **10 November 2025 – *Wine Tasting of Mature Clarets* hosted by Simon and Marian Mollett.**
- **6 December 2025 – *My Life in Theatre* presented by actress Joanna McCallum.**
- **14 February 2026 – *Prince George and Master Frederick: Royal Friends and Secret Brothers*, presented by Rosalind Freeborn.**

Since the year-end:

- **25 April 2026 – *Kew's Palm House Renovation and the Conservation of Comoro Island Palms*, presented by Professor Bill Baker, Senior Research Leader at RBG, Kew.**

Future talks are planned on the Hackney Mosaic Project (June), the artwork of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera (September), Botswana (October) and Media and the American War of Independence (November) with other events being organised for next spring.

Membership

Membership at the end of the financial year 2025-26 stood at 134 with 3 members joining during the year. Subscriptions for the new year became due on 06 April 2026 and membership is currently at 129.

Section E – Financial review (see attached Statement of Account for the year ended 5th April 2026)

Following last year's completion of the churchyard pathway, the Friends have contributed £10,000 to the cost of re-painting the church interior and again part of the cost of the verges (£3,000).

Total income in the year was £10,997 (2024/25: £9,311), arising from the generosity of our members and from the programme of live events. The income reflects the hard work of so many in putting on these events.

After making the donations totalling £13,000 to St Anne's Church and sundry expenses, there was a deficit of £2,578 for the year. This deficit is again welcomed by the Treasurer, as it results from successful execution of improvements to the Church.

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 stood at £14,193 at the year-end 5 April 2026.

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 -

Benjamin Jones

Simon Mollett

Position -

Secretary

Treasurer

Date -

1 June 2026

1 June 2026



Year to 5 April

Income and Expenditure Account

	2025-26	2024-25
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions	£4,062	4,195
Other donations	£21	137
Gift Aid recovery (2023/24 and 2024/25 received, 2025/26 outstanding)	£1,367	0
Events (net of costs) (Notes 1 and 2) :	£	
1. Conversation (Steven McRae) (50% share)	719	
2. Madagascan Fungi (Lee Davies)	615	
3. Concert (Linda Pethick)	2,347	
4. Wine tasting (Simon Mollett)	520	
5. My Life in Theatre (Joanna McCallum)	498	
6 Prince George and Master Frederick (Ros Freeborn)	828	
7 (Palms - Bill Baker - next year) Note 2	0	
Total from Events (net)	£5,526	4,959
Christmas cards, artists leaflets and woodcut cards (net)	£20	20
Bank interest	£0	0
TOTAL INCOME	£10,997	9,311
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to St. Anne's PCC (being £10,000 re-painting, £3,000 verges)	-£13,000	-20,750
IT equipment and expenses	-£214	-202
Public liability insurance	-£360	-360
Other admin expenses	£0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£13,574	-21,312
NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD	-£2,578	-12,001
Opening reserves	£16,771	28,772
Movement in period	-£2,578	-12,001
CLOSING RESERVES (Note 3)	£14,193	16,771
Represented by:		
Cash at bank	£14,442	16,771
Debtors and Cash in hand	£0	0
Provision for unearned income and costs (Note 2)	-£248	0
NET ASSETS	£14,193	16,771

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 where cash has been received for events not yet held and where costs are known but outstanding.
3. All reserves are unrestricted.
4. Commitments at 5 April 2026 were NIL (2025: NIL).

Simon Mollett, Treasurer
04/05/2026