

# The Friends of St John's Church, Waterbeach

Registered Charity No: 1029904

## Report of the Trustees for the year 2008

### **Constitution**

The Friends of St. John's Church, Waterbeach is an unincorporated association governed by a Constitution adopted May 23 1988 as amended on Nov 28 1993. The committee comprises the Trustees for the purposes of Charity law and is made up of 4 members elected by the AGM of the Charity and 3 members appointed by the Waterbeach Parochial Church Council.

### **Objects**

The objects of the Charity are to advance the Christian religion through the maintenance, preservation, repair and improvement of the fabric, fittings and furniture of the church of St John the Evangelist, Waterbeach. The Trustees fulfil these objects by making grants for specific projects to Waterbeach PCC.

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year were

Mr D M Adamson\*  
Mrs C R Beeton\*\*  
Mrs B Flack (until AGM)  
Mrs S Lynn\* (from AGM)  
Mrs J Galliard\*\*  
Mrs M Garland\* (from AGM)  
Mr J Martin (until AGM)  
Dr R M Williamson\*\*  
Mrs R Wright\*

\* Elected by the AGM, \*\* Appointed by Waterbeach PCC.

### **Report for the year**

During 2008, we welcomed two new committee members – Sheila Lynn and Maggie Garland. Julie Galliard continued as chairman, with Michael Williamson as treasurer and Cecily Beeton responsible for membership. The post of secretary remained vacant. David Adamson and Ros Wright were re-elected as Trustees at the AGM in May.

At the AGM, Cecily Beeton, our membership Secretary, reported that there were 75 members of the Friends.

Our Annual Dinner was attended by 36 members and their guests, slightly fewer than usual. The musical entertainment was provided by Andy Aldcroft and Kieron Galliard, after the speaker cancelled at short notice.

During the year we made grants to St. John's Church totalling £5,004. This covered the cost of the pew cushions, made locally, for all pews in the church, excluding the choir stalls and some extra funding (£4,054) towards the Morton memorial gate and arch at the entrance to the church yard from the car park (£950). Substantial donations from the family in memory of Mr and Mrs Morton enabled the gate and arch to be completed in May 2008.

### **Future Plans**

It is hoped to use the legacy from the estate of Monica Buttress together with substantial funeral donations in her memory, to fund some new front gates to the church, made by the blacksmith who fashioned the memorial gate and arch. The gates would be more substantial than the present ones, and incorporate the eagle design in the centre so they match the rear gate.

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## Reserves policy

The Charity retains a designated fund, representing life memberships received. As reported below, some of this is invested in COIF income units and provides a long-term income to the Charity.

Apart from this Designated Fund, the Charity's policy is to retain a small amount of working capital in its general Fund but otherwise make grants up to the total amount available. In some years, however, there are no specific projects and so the General Fund may be allowed to grow in some years until a project is found.

Julie Galliard  
Chairman

## Accounts for the year 2008

### Receipts and Payments account January 1st, 2008 to December 31st, 2008

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Annual membership subscriptions	460	555
Life membership subscriptions	-	300
Donations in memory of Monica Buttress	-	732
Other donations	650	-
Legacy from Monica Buttress	-	1,000
Annual Dinner	207	245
Interest on deposits	312	128
Dividends on investments	64	56
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>1,693</u>	<u>3,016</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Postage, administration, etc.	61	-
Annual Dinner costs	134	195
Charitable expenditure	5,004	1,733
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>5,199</u>	<u>1,928</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(3,506)	1,088
<b>Cash and bank deposits at January 1st, 2008</b>	<u>6,471</u>	<u>5,383</u>
<b>Cash and bank deposits at December 31st, 2008</b>	<u><u>2,965</u></u>	<u><u>6,471</u></u>

### Statement of assets and liabilities at December 31st, 2008

	General Fund	Life Membership Fund	TOTAL	
	£	£	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
			£	£
Cash at bank	1,753	300	2,053	1,628
COIF Deposits	(238)	1,150	912	4,843
COIF Investments (market value)	-	1,340	1,340	1,803
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>1,515</u>	<u>2,790</u>	<u>4,305</u>	<u>6,152</u>

Note that the Life Membership fund is a designated fund where Life Membership subscriptions are held. Part of it is invested in 154.06 COIF Income units which, at December 31st, 2008 were valued at 869.59p each (2007 – 1,170.55p); the remainder is held in a COIF deposit account. The intention is that the investment units provide a long-term income.

At the year end, a Gift Aid claim for £200 had been made but payment was awaited.

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Michael Williamson  
Hon. Treasurer