FRIENDS OF ST PETER & ST PAUL, EWHURST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT: January – December 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1196479

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Objectives: To promote the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of the church building, including, but not limited to, monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in the church and churchyard belonging to the church.
The advancement of the education of the public in the heritage and conservation of the church building and its environment.

Summary of Main Activities in 2025:

Fund Raising FSPSP continued to fundraise through involving the local community:
Village Talks: Our trustee Janet Balchin gave a January talk on the history of our church. Two talks were needed due to the high number of people attending. Payment for the talks and donations for the wine & nibbles resulted in a generous donation from her. Janet also did a Walking tour of the village in the summer, which also raised money for us.

The Easter Market in March was another success and continues to be well supported and raised the same amount as last year.

Christmas card sales were down on last year but compensated for by an increase in logo item sales.

Quiz Evenings: The Friends were well supported at both the Village Quiz Evening £700 and at the Bulls Head Quiz Evening £650.

EwFest: This is the new village Summer event in August. We had a stall asking people to Guess the Weight of one of the Horsham Slabs, similar to those used on the church roof. Money raised from this and the sale of logo items was just under £100

Rectory Fete: This was organised by the PCC and FSPSP had a stall. Our money raiser was pictures of the church with “windows“ to open to win a prize. The prizes were donated and people were told that the money from this would go to the PCC. The sales from our logo items went to FSPSP.

Village Shop Christmas Open Eve: We were invited to have a small stall at this evening event and were able to sell Christmas cards & logo items.

Village School Christmas Fete: We shared a stall with the village History Society and again sold Christmas cards & logo items.

Carol Singing at the Bulls Head: The Bulls Head village pub agreed that we could hold both an indoor & outdoor Carol Singing Eve in late December and could take a collection on their premises. Thanks to the Church choir we raised over £300.

South Africa Dinner Evening: This was the main fundraising event for this year. All tickets were sold and donations meant we had an excellent Raffle. The event was enjoyed by all and made £4,622

Donations. These included private donors £11,200, Ewhurst Secret Gardens Event £1,500 and Ellens Green Mission Hall Fund £700, Geoff Harry Quiz Night £700.

Visits: We have hosted two visits from both nearby and London Schools to the church while based at the Sayers Croft Activity Centre. The schools have tailormade history sessions to suit their needs. The highlight is a visit to the bell tower. A notice asking church visitors to write in the Visitors Book is now in place and visiting schools are encouraged to write in it

Visiting local U3A groups and the village school have also had history sessions, aided by our Ewhurst History Society Trustee.

FSPSP has put up special stewarded History displays during Heritage weekends and the Parish Fete. Again, a positive response from all involved.

Repairs: A number of repairs to the church building were carried out by the PCC without the need for financial support from our charity.
FSPSP have not applied for more grants this year as the PCC have submitted grant applications for the stonework , which is not on FSPSP agenda for repairs. This can be done in stages, unlike the roof repairs. We continue to raise money for a Capital Fund for roof Repairs

Contribution made by volunteers

These activities could not have been achieved without our hard-working volunteers, who make it clear that they come because they enjoy meeting people as much as they help support FSPSP. They see the church as the heart of the community and value its history

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Achievements and Performance

- We raised an additional £27,253 for the charity that will be used towards a Capital Fund for repairs to the south transept roof

- We identified repair work that needed doing and monitored the PCC as the work was done.

- In addition, we ran events to promote the work of the charity, the history of the church and to explain the restoration work.

- Our website has been updated and we now use Facebook as well for our publicity. Supporters continue to receive regular e-mail updates on FSPSP issues.

Risk statement

In 2024, we identified the following major key risks and have risk mitigation procedures for their control:

- Loss of key trustees with adequate range of skills (trustees are all elderly)
- Failure to attract the level of funding to meet the charity's restoration/repair objectives

The Trustees have agreed to take the following actions to further mitigate/manage these risks:

- Recruit an additional, younger trustee with appropriate skills (when needed)
- Co-opt a volunteer/ employee with relevant skills when required
- Research additional grant sources*
- Set up a legacy scheme*

We have not met the *criteria yet as we did not wish to clash with the PCC.

The Trustees will monitor progress and review these major risks every year or more regularly if needed.

This year – we have reviewed our Complaints Policy so that

- We are aware of our obligations for Risk Assessment in all our activities.

We have also reiterated the Charity Commission Guidance as to how all Trustees should behave when there is a Conflict of Interest

Financial Review

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, EWHURST
ACCOUNTS 2025

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT - 2025

INCOME	2025	2024	2023	2022
Regular Donations	£10,918	£10,306	£6,825	£7,167
Ellen Green Mission Hall	£700	£600	£600	£600
One-Off Donations	£1,805	£8,924	£365	£10,388
Gift Aid & VAT refunds	£2,484	£1,047	£1,200	£5,201
Total Donations	**£15,907**	**£20,877**	**£8,990**	**£23,356**
Easter Market	£1,920	£1,971	£1,839	£2,264
Secret Gardens	£1,500	£1,000	£2,000	
Geoff Harry Quiz Night	£700	£700	£700	
Events	£922		£1,416	£1,037
Spanish Evening			£4,350	
South Africa Evening	£4,622			
Family Fun Day		£5,563		£5,951
Janet Balchin Talks	£1,028			
Logo Sales & Books	£157	£111	£79	£52
Christmas Cards	£187	£255	£385	£328
Total Fund Raising	**£11,035**	**£9,599**	**£10,768**	**£9,632**
Interest	£1,045	£897	£43	
TOTAL INCOME	**£12,080**	**£10,497**	**£10,811**	**£9,632**
EXPENDITURE				
Admin cost	-£661	-£608	-£770	-£523
Bank charges	-£72	-£86	-£9	-£73
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**-£733**	**-£694**	**-£780**	**-£596**
NET INCOME	**£27,253**	**£30,680**	**£18,321**	**£32,393**

BALANCE SHEET - 31st December 2025

Zempler Account	£3,952	£4,033	£9,485	£25,778
Barclays Current Account	£41,024	£39,554	£3,845	£29,905
Barclays Deposit Account	£86,985	£60,941	£60,043	
Cash in hand			£350	
Prepayments & accruals	-£180		£156	
	£131,781	**£104,528**	**£73,879**	**£55,683**
Represented By:				
Opening Balances 1st Jan				
Zempler Account	£4,033	£9,485	£55,683	£23,290
Barclays Current Account	£39,554	£3,845		
Barclays Deposit Account	£60,941	£60,043		
Cash in hand		£350		
Debtors		£126		
Net Income	£27,253	£30,680	£18,321	£32,393
Debtors			-£126	
NET ASSET VALUE	**£131,781**	**£104,528**	**£73,879**	**£55,683**

Financial Report (continued)_

The accounts for the year have been externally reviewed by Mr. Neil Doody, The Forge, The Village, Finchampstead, Berks, RG40 4JN, he is a retired chartered accountant.

We have bank current accounts with Zempler Bank and Barclays Bank and a deposit account with Barclays. We limit the balance at Zempler to under £5,000 and transfer the remainder to Barclays.

These funds are being left to accumulate as a Capital Fund until the next stage of restoration is started, which will be after we receive more grant funding. The next project is to restore the roof of the south transept and make further repairs to the upper stonework and to the stonework on the bell tower, for which we need to raise over £350,000.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed and is an unincorporated association. The trustees comprise the rector and a churchwarden as ex-officio Supporters and up to 6 elected Supporters. The parish was in vacancy from February and so the ex-officio position of rector remains unfilled. There is also a vacancy for another trustee. The Trustees serve for a period of 3 years and are appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting. The ex-officio church warden member changed from Anthony Gauvain to Elizabeth Tingley

Related Parties

Whereas the objective of the charity is to raise funds for the preservation and repair of the Church Building, the responsibility for carrying out this work rests with the PCC, with whom the charity works very closely.

List of Trustees

		Year appointed	
Mary Jane Harry	Chair	2021	
Jacqueline Helen Avery	Secretary	2021	
Clive Anthony Ward	Treasurer	2021	
Janice Margaret Allen		2021	
Janet Mary Balchin		2022	
Elizabeth Tingley	(ex-officio churchwarden)	2025	August
Resigned:			
Anthony Gauvain	(ex-officio churchwarden)	2024	July

There is a vacancy for the rector position.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Jane Harry
Chair
October 7, 2026

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	£
Regular donations	10918
One off donations	1805
Books and Logo sales	157
Christmas Cards sales	187
Ellen Green Mission Hall	700
Easter Market	1920
Secret Gardens	1500
Janet Balchin Talks	1028
Geoff Harry Quiz Night	700
South Africa Evening	4622
Events	922
Gift Aid and VAT refunds	2484
Interest received	1043
	27986
EXPENDITURE	**£**
Administration costs	661
Bank charges	72
	(733)
Excess of income over expenditure	27253

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

Balance at bank - Zempler account	3952
- Barclays current	41024
- Barclays deposit	86985
Less: Prepayment	(180)
	131781
General Fund	
Balance as at 1 January 2025	104528
Surplus for the Year	27253
	131781

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account for the Year and the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025 from the records maintained by the Treasurer and certify that they are a true and fair view of the figures

Neil B Doody

Neil B Doody FCA
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Finchampstead Berkshire RG40 4JN

16 February 2026