THE FRIENDS OF POLING CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Trustees Annual Report for year ended 21st March 2026
Charity no 1198861

Structure governance and management

The Friends is a Charity and was registered with the Charities Commission on 6th May 2022, and has registered with HMRC to claim gift aid from this date.

During the year the following served as Trustees of the Friends

Mr Nigel Clutton	**Chairman**
Mr Peter Laverick	**Secretary**
Mr Richard Richards	**Treasurer**
Mr Charles Loxley	**Mr William Maynard**
Mr Ted Chandler	**Mrs Lorna Eade**
Mrs Pippa Patten	**Mr Richard Tarling**

Aim and Purposes

The primary objective of The Friends of Poling Church is to raise funds for the advancement of the Christian religion by maintaining and enhancing the Parish Church of St Nicholas Church Poling in the Diocese of Chichester, including its fabric, monuments, churchyard, curtilage, fences, gates and its rights of way and as a resource in the development and assistance of the community, residents, and churchgoers of the Parish as delineated by the Diocesan map existing on the 1st of January 2021.

Trustees

Mr richard Tarling and Mrs Pippa Patten became trustess in the year.

Objectives and Activities

Our objectives are to raise funds to support the Charities aims by
1. Encouraging people to make regular donations by direct debit.
2. Running " Village " events . This year we have had a Christmas event including a raffle for fundraising. We also, with the P.C.C , provide a monthly breakfast and Harvest festival and remembrance Sunday meals . Donations are received for these.

Review of the year

1. The Trustees met three times in the year.
2. The fund raising events raised £768for the Friends .
3. Members donations amounted to £1153
4. Gift aid received was £342 and interest on investments was £657.
5. The Charity donated £99 to ST Nicholas church building materials.
6. The "Norfolk" funds which the friends treat as a separate fund with slightly different objectives received £34,945 in investment interest in the year.
7. It granted St Nicholas church £4,000 for running costs to enable the P.C.C to show a small surplus.

8. It also granted a further £10,655 towards the organ restoration fund and another£3,800 for limewash repairs to the main chapel

9. The Friends invested £30,000 and the in M and G Charifunds (£20,00 for "Norfolk and £10,000 for Friends) The "Norfolk"investment uf £67,149 in M and Charibonds were sold on the closure of this investment. The Norfolk then invested £80,00o in Shroder multi asset charity funds

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by the Chairman Nigel Clutton

Nigel Clutton .....

Date 21st May 2026

The Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Poling Church

I report on the accounts of the friends for the year ended 21 March 2026

Respective responsibilities of theTrustees and the examiner

As Trustees of the Friends you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering anv unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view^ and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed ...V.J.Walkings... Date 12-05-26.

FRIENDS OF POLING CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR TO 21ST MARCH 2026
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1198861

		2026		2025
RECIEPTS				
Christmas Event	£	650.17	£	777.97
Breakfast events	£	88.00	£	183.40
Donation for grounds improvements			£	2,000.00
Members donations	£	1,153.16	£	1,438.50
Interest received	£	656.63	£	625.52
Gift Aid	£	342.44	£	682.06
FETE 24 (SHARE)			£	1,149.57
LUNCHES	£	29.91	£	126.19
Total Received	£	2,920.31	£	6,983.21
PAYMENTS				
Bank Charges	£	43.75		
Decoration materials	£	98.96		
Donations to St Nicholas Church				
Serving Unit			£	768.24
Grounds improvements			£	2,392.17
Electrics upgrade			£	1,074.00
Investment in Charitable Funds	£	10,000.00		
	£	10,142.71		£4,234.41
NET SURPLUS/-DEFICIT		-£7,222.40		£2,748.80
Represented by Lloyds bank balance				
Balance BFWD 22nd March2025		£13,476.96	£	10,728.16
Balance at 21st March 2026		£6,254.56		£13,476.96
Balance at bank	£	6,108.65	£	13,438.36
cash in hand	£	145.91	£	38.60

Notes	As at march 2026		As at march 2025	
1. The Friends other assets comprise the Balance at Lloyds Ban	£	6,108.65	£	13,438.36
and cash of	£	145.91	£	38.60
Valuation of The Friends Investment with M & G CHARIFUND		21868.11	£	10,645.23
(cost £20,000 last year £10,000)				
The Scramble Bell which is in St Nicholas Church	£	4,340.00	£	4,340.00
The Projector and Screen	£	275.00	£	275.00

2. On 21st February 2024 The Norfolk Trust transferred all of its investments to the Friends of Poling Church and community. The Friends undertook to use these funds and the income derived from them for the purposes stated in the original Trust deed dated4th February1949

The accounts for the Norfolk Fund is shown seperately below

TOTAL"NORFOLK" ASSETS

FRIENDS OF POLING CHURCH - NORFOLK ACCOUNT
Year to 21 ST March 2026

			2026	2025
BALANCE AT BANK BFWD			£32,211.47	£4,300.46
INVESTMENT PURCHASES		-£100,000.00		
INVESTMENT SALES		£67,149.59		
net investment purchase			-£32,850.41	
RECEIPTS				
INTEREST FROM INVESTMENTS			£34,944.94	£34,442.21
PAYMENTS				
POLING PCC	Organ overhaul	-£10,555.40		-£2,531.20
	redecoration	-£3,800.00		
	general support	-£4,000.00	-£18,355.40	-£4,000.00
bank charges			-£38.84	
BALANCE AT BANK CFWD			£15,911.76	£32,211.47

INVESTMENTS	Charibond	cost Charifund	TOTAL	valuation	
AS AT 21ST March	£67,388.31	476981.6264	544369.9362	590509.2732	
	Cazenove	Charifund			
AS AT 21ST March	£79,855.45	£496,981.63	£576,837.08	£733,309.01	