

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL
LAVENHAM CHURCH**

President: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese

May 2022

Dear Friend of Lavenham Church

67th Annual General Meeting and Festival

The Chairman and Committee have much pleasure inviting you to attend the 67th Annual General Meeting and Festival on Sunday 3rd July 2022. The events planned for the day include:

- 8.00 am: Holy Communion (BCP) at the church
- 10.15 am: The Festival Eucharist at the church
Preacher: The Very Reverend Christopher Lewis
- 12.30 pm: AGM of The Friends of the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul
Lavenham in the Main Hall at Lavenham Village Hall
The AGM will be followed by a light luncheon

This year I have enclosed with the agenda (below) and accounts (overleaf) a proforma which you are asked to complete and return even if you are not proposing to attend the AGM. A window envelope is enclosed for your use.

In addition to helping with AGM and catering preparations, the information you provide will help the Committee fulfil its duty to maintain accurate records.

Minutes of last year's AGM are available in the left margin of church homepage at <http://lavenhamchurch.onesuffolk.net/>. A few copies will be available at the meeting for those unable to print their own copies.

I hope to see you on 3 July.

Yours sincerely

Paul MacLachlan
Hon Secretary
Friends of Lavenham Church

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Chairman Mr Malcolm Linscott. Welcome and opening prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 66th AGM held on 4th July 2021.
4. Matters arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report (see overleaf)
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. Election of Officers and Committee
9. Any other business
10. Proposed date of next AGM: Sunday 2nd July 2023

**THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER
AND ST. PAUL LAVENHAM**

Minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 3 July 2022 in
Lavenham church at 12:30pm

Present: 31 Friends were in attendance together with 3 clergy and 5 guests.

1. Welcome and opening prayer

Chairman, Malcolm Linscott, welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Rosemary Wheeler and those attending the AGM for the first time.
Rev. Graham Naylor commended the meeting to God in prayer.

2. Apologies

The Secretary advised that 40 apologies had been received and recorded.

3. Minutes of the 66th AGM held on 4 July 2021

It was proposed by Chris Burnford, seconded by Mary Jackson and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the 66th AGM be signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's report

The Chairman's report is recorded at appendix 1.

6. Hon Treasurer's report

The Hon Treasurer's report, together with the accounts to 31 December 2021, is recorded at appendix 2. It was proposed by Mary Wolton, seconded by Jane Orbell and agreed unanimously that the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021 be adopted.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Geraldine Rose, seconded by Sylvia Dinwiddy and agreed unanimously that Steven Coward be appointed as Independent Examiner for the 2022 financial year.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

It was proposed by Geraldine Rose, seconded by Sylvia Dinwiddy and agreed unanimously that the following be elected to the Friends' Committee:

Julian Baldwin	Charles Dinwiddy	Malcolm Linscott
Hannah Lombers	Paul MacLachlan	Jane Orbell
Marian Searle	Ian Thompson	Mary Wolton

Ian Thompson was elected Treasurer for the coming year.

Paul MacLachlan was elected Secretary for the coming year.

9. Any other business

The Chairman thanked all those who had contributed to the preparation of the AGM lunch.

There was no other business.

10. Date of 68th AGM

The Chairman announced that the 68th AGM will be held on Sunday 2 July 2023.

Sadly, we have lost several members this year due to death but we are managing to keep the numbers up by leafleting roads in turn and by making sure The Friends are represented in the welcome pack which is delivered by a member of the church Ministry Team to as many new residents as are notified to them. We currently have 99 life members and 58 annual.

The committee has met 3 times during the year since the last AGM

As well as the usual items for discussion we had to make a decision about a request for financial assistance from the churchwardens regarding the re-siting of the second hand books at the back of the church. After much discussion we reached a decision which I will let our treasurer reveal in his report in a few minutes' time.

We also decided to re-introduce a social event which we haven't had since 2019. Several members suggested possible venues for an outing and were asked to explore them in more detail with possible dates etc. The idea that found favour with the committee for this year was from Charles Dinwiddy to Columbine Hall near Stowmarket, which is a charming medieval manor house which stands within a wide moat surrounded by its gardens. It has been arranged for Tuesday 13th September and the coach will leave the village hall car park at 1.30. We will have a guided tour of the house by the owner followed by a walk round the grounds by the head gardener. Tea and cakes will conclude the afternoon. I am afraid it is not suitable for wheelchairs due to the medieval house having thresholds, steps and varied levels and the garden has slopes and gravel paths. The total cost will be £30 per person and the maximum number of people is 30 so please sign up early to avoid disappointment. Thank you, Charles, for arranging this. Of course, as a new member of the committee, what you didn't realise, and you now know, is that if you make a suggestion you end up organising it!

I would like to thank all the members of the committee but especially our secretary, Paul and treasurer, Ian and also Mary Wolton for allowing us to use her lovely home and providing coffee and biscuits at every meeting.

Finally, I ask you to encourage your friends and neighbours to become Friends of Lavenham Church. As I said in my letter, even if you don't come to church everyone in the village must be proud to have such a fine building at the heart of the village and it is a way of contributing a little to help make sure it is kept maintained for future generations.

Friends – Treasurer's Report AGM 2022

The Friends continue to remain in a strong position with funds held in excess of £30K.

The number of members is being sustained contributing to subscriptions in 2021 of just under £1500.

We stand ready as ever to support the church with modest funding last year for an additional card terminal. Since the end of last year we have contributed £430 for a replacement Diocesan flag for the church tower.

We have also given a commitment to pay up to £6k for installation of upgraded electrical lighting works under the tower in connection with re-siting of the main bookstall. It is the wish of the Friends Committee that this support will be regarded as the Friends Queen's Platinum Jubilee project. As we have stated over the last few years we are still ready to assist with outstanding Quinquennial works. Some of this remains pending due to inevitable delays as a result of the last 2 years.

I am delighted with the continued support of all our members and it is particularly appreciated that we are all able to get together again today.

This concludes my report for this year.

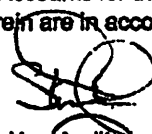
Ian Thompson

THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL LAVENHAM
Registered Charity No 1078837
FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Annual Subscriptions	975.00	
Life Subscriptions	500.00	
Donations	100.00	
Gift Aid	324.82	
Account Interest	<u>3.06</u>	1902.88
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Printing & Stationery	174.92	
Postage	86.70	
Sundry expenses	60.00	
PCC	<u>178.80</u>	<u>500.42</u>
Surplus Income		<u>1402.46</u>
 <u>BANK BALANCES AS AT 1st JANUARY 2021</u>		
Current Account	3687.83	
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	<u>25837.69</u>	29525.52
Add Surplus Income		<u>1402.46</u>
		<u><u>30927.98</u></u>
 <u>BANK BALANCES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021</u>		
Current Account	5087.23	
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	<u>25840.75</u>	<u><u>30927.98</u></u>

The accounts have been prepared under the Receipts & Payments method.
I have inspected the Records of Accounts for the above Association of the Friends of Lavenham Church and the figures given herein are in accordance with the records provided.


Hon Treasurer
I H Thompson


16-04-2022
Hon Auditor
S Coward