

Little Wilbraham Parochial Church Council

Officers, Bankers & Independent Examiner 2025

Rectory & PCC Chairman: The Revd Alice Goodman
The Rectory, 2 Apthorpe St, Fulbourn CB21 5EY

Churchwarden: Dr Andrew Tristram,
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PCC Secretary: Mrs Holly Tilbrook, 35 High Street, Little Wilbraham
CB21 5JY

PCC Treasurer: Dr Andrew Tristram (address as above)

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Little Wilbraham Parochial Church Council
Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2024

Legal Framework: The Church Accounting Regulations 2006 require that 'an annual report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally' be provided to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) together with a 'a report on the financial activities of the council including the ways in which the activities of the parish have been funded.

General Information: The geographical parish of Little Wilbraham also contains part of the area called Six Mile Bottom. The parish has two churches, St John the Evangelist, Little Wilbraham, and St George, Six Mile Bottom.

Little Wilbraham is part of the Deanery of Fordham and Quy in the Archdeaconry of Cambridge, which is one of two Archdeaconries within the Diocese of Ely.

Little Wilbraham is part of a plurality with the parishes of Great Wilbraham and Fulbourn: The Rector is responsible for all three parishes and four churches.

Corpus Christi College has the advowson of the parish of Little Wilbraham.

The Responsibility of the Parochial Church Council The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector in promoting, within the parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical

The Membership of the Parochial Church Council Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the APCM or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules:

During the year ending 31 December 2023 the following persons served as members of the PCC:

Churchwarden: Dr Andrew Tristram (also Treasurer)

Elected: Mrs Holly Tilbrook
Mrs Gill Humphrey
Mrs Eleanor Laws (co-opted)

Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Miss Mary Kendall

Church Attendance & Electoral Roll: There were 27 parishioners on the electoral roll. The average Sunday service attendance during October 2024 was 11 adults and one child. There were 52 in attendance and 27 communicants at the Christmas Eve midnight eucharist, and 82 adults and 16 children at the Service of Lessons and Carols.

Pattern of Services, etc: Little Wilbraham continues to have Mattins (led by Ruth Bond LLM) on the fourth Sunday of the month, and a services of Common Worship Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday.

St George's Six Mile Bottom holds a service of Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer on the 5th Sunday of every month, with an average attendance of 6. In 2024 there were also various special services at the church,

including the ImprovNativity with the choristers of Little St Mary's. 2024 was the year that, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we continued refurbishments at St George's with a new door and porch floor. The District of Six Mile Bottom is now on a sound financial footing for the foreseeable future.

Weddings and Funerals: there was one wedding at St George's and a wedding blessing. There were seven funerals and internments in the Parish.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults: as a benefice we have a policy showing we are committed to valuing, listening to and respecting children, young people and vulnerable adults. This includes safe recruitment, supervision, training and DBS checks where applicable. This policy is available in Twelve and each church. Our Safeguarding officer is Mary Kendall.

Grateful thanks to Gill Humphrey, Mary Kendall, and the Wilbrahams Community Choir; to our readers and intercessors, the flower arrangers and cleaners, and all who consistently make sure we have delicious refreshments after services, to Eleanor Laws who unlocks and locks the church, and to Juliet and Elizabeth Carter.

Friends of St John's: In 2024 the Friends of St John's Little Wilbraham continued with a variety of events to raise funds for the repair and upkeep of St John's fabric. We are grateful to Professor Dauntton, the President of the Friends, and all those who, though they may not attend services regularly, appreciate our beautiful church, and show their appreciation through their generosity. A separate is available.

In 2024 we were grateful for the work of Emma Bourne and Sian Hornby as, respectively Pastoral Assistants and Parish Administrator. and, from September 2024, for Emily Clough, who took over from Emma Bourne.

The Johnson, Bede and Lane Charitable Trust: This trust continues to help people in the village of Little Wilbraham with grants, particularly for winter heating, for students, and for one-off emergencies. We are grateful to our trustees for their wisdom and diligence.

Schools Ministry: Strong links with Great Wilbraham School have continued during the year. Ben Davidson and the Rector continued as Foundation Governors in 2024. Alice and Ben led assemblies, and Happy-Sad Club met every fortnight to offer a safe place for the children to share what goes on in their lives: it was run by Ben Davidson while our pastoral assistant, and latterly by Emma. with the school PSHE Coordinator. The School Harvest Festival was, by good custom, held at St John's.

Holly Tilbrook
Secretary to the PCC
28 March 2024

Church Finances 2024

- The accounts follow below. The deficit on the General Fund was £3578 which was substantially better than the £7059 in 2023. The continuing good news is that the St George's refurbishment has continued with a new door and porch floor. The repair and painting of the windows is almost complete. The construction of a ramp and improved steps will start after Easter. We have a new electricity meter and, for the first time, a water board tap just inside the hedge.
- As things stand, without a significant improvement in income, we will eat through our reserves by the end of 2025. Then we will have to reduce our Parish Share.

I am very grateful to

- o Sharon for all her help.
- o Linda Norden for acting as the Independent Examiner of our Accounts.
- o The PCC and Juliet for their heroic efforts.

Andrew Tristram

Little Wilbraham PCC

Summary of Fund Movements

2024

INCOMING

	Brought forward from 2023	Income 2024	Fund transfer IN	Loss Transfers IN	TOTAL
Organ & Music St J	0	0			0
Restoration St J	3621	0			3621
Restoration St G	15141	48967			64107
Churchyard St G	0	0			0
Churchyard St J	438	0			438
General	15292	10517			25809
TOTAL	34492	59484			93975

OUTGOINGS

	Expenditure 2024	Fund transfer OUT	Loss Transfers OUT	Carried forward
Organ & Music St J	50			-50
Restoration St J	3207			414
Restoration St G	65504			-1396
Churchyard St G	0			0
Churchyard St J	499			-61
General	14095			11714
TOTAL	83354			10621

Bank Accounts	Balance end of 2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers (in)	Balance end of 2024
Deposit	32711	33823	0	-57500	9034
General	1780	25661	83354	57500	1587
Total	34491	59484	83354	0	10621

FUND ACTIVITY FOR YEAR

	Income	Expenditure	Shortfall on Year
Organ & Music St J	0	50	50
Restoration St J	0	3207	3207
Restoration St G	48967	65504	16537
Churchyard St G	0	0	0
Churchyard St J	0	499	499
General	10517	14095	3578
Total	59484	83354	23870

Little Wilbraham PCC Income and Expenditure Accounts 2024

INCOME	2024	2023
Planned giving GA - general	£1,249.72	£1,936.70
Collections at services GA	£1,751.76	£1,124.70
GA donations - fabric St G	£20,000.00	£60,000.00
non-GA donations - fabric St G	£28,966.56	£391.00
non-GA donations	£2,556.30	£0.00
Tax recovered on planned giving	£276.25	£257.55
Other events	£0.00	£1,444.96
Bank interest	£209.30	£211.27
PCC fees	£2,367.00	£118.00
Church lettings	£633.00	£20.00
Other incoming resources	£180.00	£752.09
Contra income	£694.00	£0.00
Agency collections - Diocese	£600.00	£99.00
PCC Bank transfer	£87,500.00	£67,500.00
TOTAL (excluding transfers)	£59,483.89	£66,355.27
EXPENDITURE		
Diocesan ministry share	£7,923.00	£7,000.00
Subscriptions	£50.00	£50.00
Insurance St J	£2,869.44	£2,797.99
Insurance St G	£813.00	£724.35
Routine maintenance St G	£345.19	£0.00
Routine maintenance St J	£1,316.58	£0.00
Churchyard expenses St J	£499.09	£145.60
Organ & Piano repairs	£50.00	£90.00
Church Utilities	£2,316.88	£2,720.98
Administration	£122.59	£121.30
Fabric/Restoration St J	£1,890.00	£2,948.15
Fabric/Restoration St G	£65,158.37	£46,883.40
PCC Bank transfer	£87,500.00	£67,500.00
TOTAL (excluding transfers)	£83,354.14	£63,481.77
TOTAL Shortfall	£23,870.25	-£2,873.50

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

Little Wilbraham P.C.C.

On accounts for the year ended

311224

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~)*:

(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 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

L. J. Norden

Date

22-1-2025

Name

LYNDA JULIET NORDEN

Relevant professional qualification(s)
or body (if any)

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Friends of St John's the Evangelist

Report on activities

The Friends of St John the Evangelist was established to raise money to help to maintain the fabric of the church building to ensure it can remain open and in use by all of us within our villages, the wider benefice and beyond. Whilst not all our members are church goers, we have all come together because we believe it is important to try to keep the building open for everyone and to cherish the history and people it commemorates.

In light of this, our events are focused on bringing the community together as a village to build friendships, nurture networks and to learn more about the history of our villages and its church.

Events

The events that the Friends organise are all part of our efforts to make the church an important community building for our villages, as well as to raise funds to maintain its fabric. Since being established in the spring of 2023 the Friends have managed a number of events, as well as being active participants in other village events. We are becoming well known for the quality of our refreshments!

- Talk: Templar Knights, Steve Tibble, Wednesday 26th February 2025 – 129 attendees
- Carol service refreshments, 22nd December 2024
- Village Fireworks refreshments, 2nd November 2024
- September Fete, 7th September 2024
- Coffee morning, 21st August 2024
- Talk: History of the Bottisham Airfield, Jason Webb July 2024
- Inaugural AGM, 27th April 2024
- Model train exhibition, refreshments 20th April 2024
- Village Fireworks refreshments, 5th November 2023
- Model train exhibition, refreshments 25th February 2023

The Friends regularly publish articles in *The Wilbrahams' Warbler*, which can be accessed on-line: [All Issues - The Wilbrahams, Great Wilbraham, Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom](#)

Membership

There are currently 56 members, all of whom pay an annual minimum subscription of £5.

The date of the next AGM is 26th April 2025 at 5pm and it will be held at St John's.

Funds

The total funds raised so far from membership subscriptions and events are £6,886.43.