The Friends of St Mary's Bacton

Minutes of the meeting held at Bacton Manor House.

Thursday 12th November 2026 19:00

Present: David Chambers (chairman), Gail Wigglesworth (secretary), Andy Friend (treasurer), Philip Jeffries, Diana Chambers, Lindsey Field, Kay Thompson & Hazel Laflin.

Apologies: Rev Dan Cant & Paul Wigglesworth

Minutes: Approved & signed.

Financial report: The balance of accounts stood at £11374 at the end of August. £11288 in bank accounts & £86 in petty cash.

Allocated funds: £135

Unallocated £11239

A grant of £2529.95 has been made for the work on the North Wall.

Since Oct 2020 £10658 has been granted towards the investigation & work needed on the North Wall.

Gift Aid has been submitted & should repay approx £170.

Andy has submitted the accounts to the Charities Commission.

PCC: The pews have been removed from the North Wall area to make way for scaffolding to be erected to make the roof/ceiling safe. The cost of the scaffolding will be approx. £16500 +Vat depending on the requirements for the load bearing capabilities. A floor to ceiling fabric barrier to be put in place at a cost of £1500 + Vat to make the area more appealing as it will hide the scaffolding. Once this is in place & the insurers approve it is hoped that the church will be reopened.

Advent Service is to be an outside service with songs & carols around the tree. Refreshments to be served in the village hall. Parish Council to serve them. Lindsey has donated some alcohol-free champagne. There are no Christmas Services planned for this year.

PCC are coming to a decision soon as to how much money will be needed to be requested from the Friend's.

Future fundraising: A regular coffee morning to help raise the profile of the Friend's was discussed. It was suggested as 4th Saturday in the month 10-noon starting early next year.

Philip to investigate the option of "Save our Church" signs outside the church & on the green.

AOB None.

Next meeting: Thursday 14th January 2027 7pm

Meeting closed 19:55