

## Report from St Edmunds Building Trust For Annual Meeting PCC – April 2025

There has been only one meeting in 2024 of members of the Friends Management Committee and the Trustees. The next meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Projects:** - There were no specific building projects at St Edmund's in 2024 but there was ongoing maintenance work.

**Fundraising:** 2 Music Evenings run by Wight Sax. These were on 11<sup>th</sup> May at St Mark's and a Christmas Music Evening on 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Edmund's. The summer music evening raised £248, and the Christmas Music Evening raised £240. Paul Marshall, the Musical Director of Wight Sax and Lynn Peppitt, their Chair, organised the events. Our thanks go to Wight Sax whose members gave their time free of charge.

**Open Weekend:** There was no Open Weekend in 2024. However, an Open Day is being considered for July 2025.

**Finance:** Most members have made generous donations in addition to the basic membership fee of £5, which accounts for a large part of our income. Sales of cards, calendars and miscellaneous items have continued with a percentage of the profits being donated by Doreen Gazey, who owns the stock.

The Treasurer reports that there is **£12,037.36** in the bank account according to the most recent bank statement.

**Health & Safety:** Precautions to comply with H & S regulations were taken at events.

**Annual Newsletter:** Due to health problems suffered by the Secretary, there was no Newsletter in 2024, but one is planned for next summer.

**Membership:** The Membership Secretary resigned in August 2024 due to changes in her domestic situation and the task was taken over by Lynn Peppitt. There are 52 paid up members listed, 15 whose subs are overdue, 4 Honorary members and 11 registered as paying by Standing Order. Sadly 2 members died in 2024.

To date we have email addresses for a large percentage of the members which benefits the Trust by reducing costs and aiding efficiency. A monthly account spreadsheet is used, which keeps up to date with renewal payments and donations but does not keep track of standing orders. To comply with GDPR, the membership records are kept on a password protected computer and a paper copy is kept in a locked filing cabinet. Those that eligible for Gift Aid are passed to the Treasurer to enable her to make Gift Aid claims.

**Trustees 'St Edmund Church Building Trust':**

The board of Trustees is in full compliance with the Trust Deed. At the end of 2024 there were six Trustees.

*Lynn Peppitt*