

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

### **REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S**

#### **a) Rebuilding St Peter's Church**

Since the devastating fire in 2014, we have concentrated our efforts on working closely with the PCC in their plans for rebuilding the church. We would particularly like to thank Andy Bonner for all his hard work as the Co-ordinator for the Rebuilding Project.

As was agreed in 2015, The Friends have continued with the usual low key fundraising events until the precise details of the new church and its likely cost are known.

At the end of 2016, The Friends had £108,188.16 in the bank account and in savings. This includes £1,790 specifically donated to the Church Appeal Fund. The Friends are extremely grateful for the continuing generosity and concern which people have shown since the fire.

#### **b) Update on The Friends Activities in 2016**

Fund raising activities: 6 fund raising events were held during the year, which raised £2,379.55. The events were:

- Talk by Rosamund Wallinger on the Gertrude Jekyll gardens at The Manor House in Upton Grey.
- Spring soup and pudding lunch;
- 'Lucky Golf Ball Dip' and 'Win a Hamper' stall at the Pram Race;
- Village Summer Drinks Party;
- cake stall at the Victorian Christmas Market;
- greetings cards made by Tony Gilliam.

#### **c) Financial Review of 20156**

Membership and support for the Friends has remained very similar to previous years. At the year-end the total of individual or family members was 55, with an overall total membership of 86. There is still a continuing need to encourage more people to join The Friends – especially younger people.

Total income in 2016 was £7,851.29 and there was no expenditure. Bank assets and investments at the year-end totalled £108,188.16 – almost £8,000 more than in 2015. Since The Friends of St Peter' was formed in 1982, £187,781 has been raised to help fund repairs to the fabric of the church.

Alison Wood, Chairman, Friends of St Peter's Church

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