

Trustees' Annual Report for the Philip Lank Trust
Registered Charity Number 1135362
for the year ending 30 September 2016

The trust was created by Deed on 1st October 2008, and it became a Registered Charity on 7th April 2010.

The objects of the Trust are *“To advance the education of the parishioners of St Wulfram’s Church Grantham and the town of Grantham and the local region by the provision of a centre of training to enhance, safeguard and sustain the highest standards of sacred and secular choral and organ music, and for the general benefit of the community and to further such charitable purpose or purposes as the trustees in their absolute discretion shall from time to time determine”*

The trustees confirm that they have referred to and taken account of the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Publicising the work of the trust to raise awareness and to encourage donations to support our work continues to take a considerable part of our time. This is achieved through organising musical events and the direct support of choirs and individuals. A web site for the trust is accessible at <http://www.planktrust.org.uk>

The trust has continued to support the training of young organists with the help of funding from the Ouseley Trust received last year. The progress of the young people has enabled another of the pupils to move on to the Pipeline scheme run by the RSCM, and freed up funding to enable another pupil to be taken on. As a result there are now five young people training for the organ, one of whom is beginning to play for parts of the Services.

The trust’s applications for grants has been very successful this year. The AllChurches trust gave a further £1000 towards the re-robing of the choir. And the Ouseley trust made a significant grant of £6200 to continue the organist training but most importantly to launch the Choral Scholarship scheme. There are six young people on this new scheme and together with other members of the Youth Choir this has enabled the church to start a regular Friday choral evensong.

The trust organised a recital in September which was well attended and raised some extra funding for the trust. Two outreach events were organised by the trust to Long Bennington and to Welbourn to sing Choral Evensong in these outlying parishes.

The music events not only raise funds for the trust, but they also raise awareness of the trust in a wider audience than the immediate parishioners. This continues to result in additional donations, both large and small.

Our Master of the Music continues to improve the quality of the choir’s singing. Formal training is ongoing and in October 10 choristers were presented with Bishop’s and Dean’s awards at an RSCM Festival held at Lincoln. Two of the choir were also presented with their RSCM Gold Awards – the highest the RSCM provides for, and a first for St Wulfram’s. We now have 26 choristers who have gained their Dean’s and higher awards. This year the choir has sung at Norwich, St. Alban’s, Manchester Cathedrals, and completed a residency at Canterbury Cathedral in the October 2016 half term. Radio 4 also came to do a live broadcast of a Sunday morning worship.

The net effect of the fund raising and expenditure at the year end is an Endowment Fund of £21500, an Open Fund of £1600 and a Restricted fund of £5700. The investments for the Endowment Fund are held in the CBF Church of England Funds. The investment objective is long term capital growth.

Trustees are elected by the Board of Trustees according to the provisions of the originating deed, namely one Trustee shall be a Clerical representative nominated by the Bishop of Grantham, one shall be nominated by the Parochial Church Council of St Wulfram’s Church, and four shall be appointed from amongst:-

- a. the Members of the St Wulfram’s Choir, and
- b. the Parents of juniors singing in the St Wulfram's Choir, and
- c. any person on the electoral roll of St Wulfram's Church Grantham subject to no more than one member of a family being elected.

The Trustees met 6 times during the year. The Trustees, at the time of approving this report and the accounts for the year are:

- Roger Sleigh (Chairman)
- Robert Jeffreys
- Diane Hale (PCC Member)
- David Valerio
- Peter Riches
- Revd Stuart Craddock (Bishop of Grantham nominee)

The Revd Stuart Craddock (Rector at St Wulfram’s) was appointed a trustee on the recommendation of the Bishop of Grantham in July. The other trustees served for the full year.

The Registered address for the Charity is:

- The Philip Lank Trust
- the Parish Office of St Wulfram's Church
- Church Street
- Grantham
- NG31 6RR

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees’ Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

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Full name; Roger James Wallace Sleigh
Chairman

Date: