

Trustees' Annual Report for the Philip Lank Trust
Registered Charity Number 1135362
for the year ending 30 September 2017

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 training programme for our 5 chorister organists continues. The cost of this training is supported by the Ouseley Trust, the RSCM Pipeline scheme and the Young Organ Scholars Trust. This funding support has enabled us to offer 2 more scholarships. We were delighted to hear that our first organ scholar, Joseph Beech, had been appointed Assistant Master of the Music at St Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh. The choir was invited to sing for his valedictory service at St Pauls in August.

As a result of our success in raising funding in 2016/17, we supported 6 Choral Scholars through the year, and at the start of this academic year we increased that to 9. These Scholars form the backbone of the Youth Choir which is singing regularly at the 5.15 Choral Evensong service every Friday in term time.

Two outreach events were organised by the trust to Hough and to Sedgebrook 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, 15 choristers were presented with Bishop’s and Dean’s awards at an RSCM Festival held at Lincoln including four Gold Awards – the highest the RSCM offers. We now have 32 choristers who have gained their Dean’s and higher awards. In the October half term, 2016, the choir took up a residency at Canterbury Cathedral. It also sang at Leicester, St. Paul’s, Cathedrals, and completed a residency at St Davids Cathedral in the August 2017 holiday.

On 25th June the Director of the RSCM attended a special service in St Wulfram's to present Dr Williams with a Certificate of Special Service in recognition of his outstanding work at the church and in the community.

The net effect of the fund raising and expenditure at the year end is an Endowment Fund of £22900, an Open Fund of £2050 and a Restricted fund of £3500. 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 4 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 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: