

**Trustees' Annual Report for the Philip Lank Trust**  
**Registered Charity Number 1135362**  
**for the year ending 30 September 2018**

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 chorister organists continues, and has grown to 9. The cost of this training is supported by the Ouseley Trust, the RSCM Pipeline scheme and the Young Organ Scholars Trust.

As a result of our success in raising funding in 2016/17, we supported 7 Choral Scholars through the year, and at the start of this academic year (2018/19) we increased that to 10. 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. The acquisition of a box organ, made possible by a substantial grant from the John Pilling Trust, has greatly improved the quality and experience of this Friday service.

An outreach event was organised by the trust to Normanton in April 2018 to sing Choral Evensong.

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.

This year saw the passing of Philip Lank, after whom this trust is named. A Memorial Concert was held in July, and St Wulfram’s was packed with his family, friends and past choristers – though a sad occasion it was also an uplifting one with some memorable musical contributions from Richard Markham, Joseph Beech and Dr Tim Williams and the choir. The event and all the gifts given to the trust in memory of Philip enabled the trust to re-equip the choir with new hymn books. Substantial contributions were also made to two other charities at Philip’s request.

Our Master of the Music continues to improve the quality of the choir’s singing. Formal training is ongoing and in October, 14 choristers were presented with Bishop’s and Dean’s awards at an RSCM Festival held at Lincoln including two Gold Awards – the highest the

RSCM offers. Since Dr Williams began working at St Wulfram’s, the choristers have won 84 RSCM Awards. In the past year, the choir has sung at Leicester, Lincoln, St. Edmundsbury and Worcester Cathedrals.

The net effect of the fund raising and expenditure at the year end is an Endowment Fund of £26400, an Open Fund of £4700 and a Restricted fund of £1100. The investments for the Endowment Fund are held in the CBF Church of England Funds. The investment objective is long term capital growth. The interest from the fund is intended to be used to support the employment of a full time Master of the Music at St Wulfram’s Church, Grantham.

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

- Roger Sleigh (Chairman
- Andrew Lane) – appointed 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Jo Counsell (PCC Member) – appointed 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- David Valerio
- Peter Riches
- Revd Stuart Cradduck (Bishop of Grantham nominee)

Di Hale was a trustee until retiring on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
Bob Jeffreys was a trustee until retiring on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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: