

**Trustees' Annual Report for the Philip Lank Trust
Registered Charity Number 1135362
for the year ending 30 September 2025**

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. In particular, the music education opportunities provided for primary school and secondary school students through memberships of the St Wulfram’s choir (which is open to all students in the Grantham area without audition) is supported through the trust providing financial assistance for instrument tuition and vocal training.

The trust continues to support the work of the choir and music department at St Wulfram’s. During this year we funded vocal coaching for the youth choir, undertaken during their residence in Cambridge in February of this year. In addition we funded the purchase of music for the Junior and Youth Choirs.

We have also started funding the administrative support for Dr Tim Williams for the next year.

Looking to the future, a clearer strategy is essential for our publicity to raise awareness of the trust and drive fundraising. To this end we are exploring new ways that we can support the choir and music more effectively. The music department has been working on its own future strategy and this will be helpful for our planning.

The trust website is accessible at <https://www.philiplanktrust.co.uk>.

At the end of last year, we received a donation from Brian Buttery, a former bellringer, verger and parish clerk here at St Wulfram’s. Sadly, Brian passed away earlier this year. We also received a donation in memory of Mollie Kidd, a former member of the congregation at St Wulfram’s.

We are extremely grateful for such generosity and as always, the trust is indebted to various donors throughout this year.

The net effect of the income and expenditure at the year-end is an Endowment Fund of £46,662 (£1,749 cash, £44,913 in investment) an Open Fund of £1,384 and a Restricted fund of £4,148. The investments for the Endowment Fund are held in the CBF Church of England Funds. The investment objective is long term capital growth. The income from the fund is intended (but not restricted) to be used to support the employment of a full time Master of the Music at St Wulfram’s Church, Grantham. The Open Fund of £1,384 is a reserve to enable the trust to be able to continue funding Choral and Organ Scholarships

between grant application funding materialising. If necessary, the trust can draw down Endowment funding.

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 six 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 Reverend James Roundtree, who was the PCC nominated trustee, has moved onto pastures new, as director of ordinands and vocations for the Diocese of Lincoln. We wish him well and thank him for his support of the Trust and the music at St Wulfram's. We await the nomination of his successor by the PCC.

Trustees held four regular meetings during this year. Two decisions were taken by email vote.

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

Roger Sleigh
Andrew Wyatt (Chairman)
Rachel Davie (Treasurer)
John Tomlinson
Revd Stuart Craddock (Bishop of Grantham nominee)
Romany Gurner

Lynda Basford continues to support the Trust through her work as secretary for the minutes and help with many essential administrative tasks.

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; Andrew Wyatt
Chairman
Date:

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