



Supporting Churches in Essex and East London

PROGRAMME

**Annual Lecture and Annual General Meeting
St. Andrew's Church, Church Road, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2LE
on Thursday, 21st May 2026**

- 7.00p.m. **Opening Prayer and Welcome**
by Rev. Howard Schnaar, Priest-in-Charge
- Welcome**
by Mrs. Jennifer Tolhurst, H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of Essex
and Patron, Friends of Essex Churches Trust
- Annual General Meeting** (*see Agenda overleaf*)
- 7.30p.m. **Presentation of the Ride+Stride Fundraising Cup**
by Mrs. Julia Abel Smith
President, Friends of Essex Churches Trust
- 7.35p.m. **Wine and canapés**
- 8.00p.m. **The Friends Annual Lecture**
by Rachel Morley entitled
Saving Churches in Essex: What we've learned in 51 years.
Ms Morley is a building conservator and
currently Director of the Friends of Friendless Churches

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**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting
of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust
will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Church Road, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2LE
on Thursday, 21st May 2026 at 7.00p.m.**

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd May 2025
3. Report by the Chairman
4. Report by the Hon. Treasurer
The 2026 News & Annual Report contains a summary of the 2025 accounts
5. Election of President (*see Note 1*)
6. Election of Officers (*see Note 2*)
7. Election of the Executive Committee (*see Note 3*)
8. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
9. Any Other Business

John Pickthorn
Hon. Secretary
16th March 2026

Note 1

The Executive Committee propose Mrs. Julia Abel Smith, D.L. for election as President for a period of three years in accordance with Section G of the Constitution (adopted on 13th May 2015) (see item 5).

Note 2

The Executive Committee propose the following names for office during the coming year (see item 6):

Chairman: Martin Stuchfield, M.B.E., J.P., D.L., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.

Hon. Secretary: John Pickthorn

Hon. Treasurer: Jo Pimblett

Note 3

Election of members of the Executive Committee (see item 6):

Jeremy Beale

James Bettley, J.P., D.L., M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.

Emma Brice, D.L.

Rachel Grainger, D.L.

Andrew Marsden

Sharon Hutton-Mayson

Peter Tottman

Becky Willis

All other nominations must be submitted before 30th April to the Honorary Secretary at Lane House, 2 Maberly Court, Castle Hill, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 2EA – jejpickthorn@gmail.com.

Those elected will become Trustees of 'The Friends of Essex Churches Trust'.

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