

The Parish of St Thomas and St Edmund Salisbury



Our Charities

Two charitable funds are distributed under the auspices of the parish:

The St. Thomas & St. Edmunds Charity

This was formed in 1982 from the assets of eleven local charities with the simple object of "...relieving generally or individually persons resident in the parish of Salisbury St. Thomas and St. Edmund who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress..." It has since acquired the assets of three other historic charities.

It has an annual income from investments of some £3,000 pa. For many years, the practice has been to include Bemerton Heath residents as beneficiaries but this charity has been more devoted to helping individuals from the parish directly.

There are currently five trustees: The Rector, Sally Vaughan (Secretary), Nigel Orchard (Treasurer), Bobbie Chettleburgh (SDC nominated) and Martin Inglis (co-opted).

John Fricker's Charity of 1698

The trustees of this charity distribute the rental income from a local shop under the terms of the will of John Fricker who died in 1701. The income, after any necessary expenditure on the shop, is divided equally between the Rector of St. Thomas's, the Rector of St. Martin's and the Trustees of the Trinity Hospital, Salisbury. In recent years, the annual allocation to each has been of the order of £10,000. The object and area were revised in 2012 to clarify the object and to revise the area to reflect changes in the local demographics since the will was drawn up. The object is now simply "relief in need" and the area is the ecclesiastical parishes of the city of Salisbury and includes Laverstock, Stratford sub Castle, Bemerton and Harnham.

Although the Rector of St. Thomas's is the named recipient and distributor, it has been the practice in recent years for the Rector to use the St. Thomas & St. Edmund's Charity trustees to advise on the distribution of this fund and to provide its Secretary and Treasurer.

This fund is generally granted to individuals whose cases have been raised by local social and health services and charities and the money is paid through them.

Applications for grants from either charity should be made to the Secretary, preferably using the email address: StTCharities@btinternet.com. Applications may also be left at the parish office addressed to the charities' secretary.

The accounts of both funds are subject to independent examination each year.

Nigel Orchard, Treasurer, 12th December 2016