



FRIENDS OF  
GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

Annual  
REPORT  
2018



## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FRIENDS**

We bring together all those who love the Cathedral and wish to support its work.

We have a particular interest in supporting the Dean and Chapter in the embellishment and maintenance of the Cathedral fabric, fittings and furniture.

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## **THE FRIENDS PRAYER**

Father, we ask you to bless the work of the Friends of this Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, that in our giving of time and talents, we may be generous in our social contact, we may care for one another with sensitivity and wisdom; in reaching out to all, we may show compassion, warmth and joy. Father, we pray that we may always seek to glorify your name in whatever we undertake. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to any of you who have joined The Friends in 2018. I hope you're enjoying being part of our charity, which makes such a valued contribution to the vibrant life of Guildford Cathedral. I've enjoyed seeing many of you at our social events and I know that Lisa values your regular input and the time you give.

In the snapshots further in this report you can read about the social events we undertook and also what grants we made to Guildford Cathedral during the year. The grants from The Friends are a vital source of dependable income for the Cathedral and are earmarked for capital expenditure which will make a lasting and visible impact.

A number of you have been in touch about the organised outings, especially following the cancellation of the day outing scheduled for June this year. What's clear to the Board is that day outings are really enjoyed by those who attend. However many more would like to join in. The feedback is that the cost involved and the length of travelling time are steps too far for many. To address these issues Lisa will be organising day trips closer to home which are also less expensive. I hope you'll find something of interest with which you can join in.

My thanks go to all the members of the Board who have kept their eye on our strategic purpose which is support for the Cathedral. At our AGM this year Andrew Hodges will stand down from the Board following completion of his term of service. We are very grateful to Andrew for his creative and enthusiastic input in the work of the Board and to the life of the Friends more widely.

Thanks to our Social Committee which organise our social events. We could do with more volunteers from time to time. For example, our Tombola Stall at the Cathedral Christmas Fair provides an enjoyable way to 'fly the flag' for the Friends and also support the dwindling number of regular volunteers. An offer of even half an hour would be very welcome.

And from me, particular thanks go to Lisa Hatherall, Mary Morris our Vice Chair and Mike Bishop our Treasurer for their enthusiastic dedication to our work. And thank you for your friendship and fellowship.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dina', written in a cursive style.

## NOTICE OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AGENDA

The fifty-first Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Guildford Cathedral will be held on **Sunday 7 July 2019** in Seasons Cafe and Kitchen following the 9.45am Eucharist.

### AGENDA

1. Welcome by Chairman, The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 June 2018
4. Matters arising
5. Presentation of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018
6. To appoint the Independent Examiners and Solicitors
7. Appointment of one Director to the Board  
The Board recommends appointment of Shirley-Margaret Lloyd
8. Any other business

### SCHEDULE

9.45am Eucharist

11.30am Coffee and AGM in Seasons

12.30pm Summer buffet

**Tickets** for the buffet cost £17.50 per person and must be obtained in advance. Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it to: The Friends' Secretary, Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, GU2 7UP, by **Monday 1 July** in order to ensure we can cater for you. Tickets will be available for collection at the AGM unless a SAE is included with your form.

# MINUTES

## **MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 24 JUNE 2018 AT 11.45am IN SEASONS CAFÉ AND KITCHEN**

Present:

The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams, Chairman  
Canon Mary Morris, Vice Chairman  
Four members of the Executive Committee

In attendance:

Ms Lisa Hatherall, Secretary  
30 Members of The Friends

1. **WELCOME:** The Chairman formally opened the meeting. The Chairman advised members that it had been a good year for The Friends. She thanked those that had been able to join in social events, or support activities. She thanked the social committee for their hard work in organising The Friends events.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence had been received from Colonel James Blake, Martin Gwilliams and 12 members. The Chairman advised that the Bishop of Guildford, The Right Reverend Andrew Watson, our President, was attending General Synod so could not be with us and our Patron the Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Mike Parsons was unable to attend due to other commitments.

3. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 16th JULY, 2017:** These had been circulated in the Annual Report. They were proposed as an accurate record of that meeting by Dianna Gwilliams; Seconded by Pauline Read and carried unanimously. They were signed by the Chairman.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:** There were none.

5. **TO APPOINT:**

- a) Independent Examiner: Ms Danielle Griffin of Moore Stephens LLP. This was proposed by Mike Bishop Seconded by Mary Morris and carried unanimously.
- b) Solicitors: Messrs Charles Russell. This was proposed by Mike Bishop; Seconded by Dianna Gwilliams and carried unanimously.

## **6. PRESENTATION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31st DECEMBER 2017:** Mike Bishop presented the Trustees Report and Accounts for 2018 and answered questions. The Report and Accounts were unanimously received by the Members.

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF TWO DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD:**

Two members to be appointed by the Company onto the Board. Nominations were received from: Angela Townshend - nominated by Dianna Gwilliams and seconded by Mary Morris  
Muriel Mulvany - nominated Mary Morris and seconded by Jim Blake and  
Members unanimously approved the appointment of these two trustees.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

# HONORARY TREASURERS REPORT 2018

2018 was a good year for the Friends. Following significant legacy income in 2017 (£114,000), there was a lower level in 2018 (£41,000), but we were able to use our accumulated resources to give nearly £47,000 to the Cathedral (2017 £34,000).

Some of this was from accumulated income in two restricted funds (Arthur Mason Flower Fund - £2,500; Reginald Boeg Fabric Maintenance- Fund £5,000). We also gave £20,000 for refurbishing the Cathedral Green following the removal of the marquee, and £16,000 for the cost of floodlights (outside) and TV monitors (inside). Our accumulated Funds at the end of the year were still about £300,000.

Looking forward, we have received notification of another significant legacy in 2019 (£100,000) and have committed to support the Cathedral with a number of grants for refurbishing areas inside and outside the Cathedral, repairing the Chief Steward's badge and enabling the purchase of a replacement grand piano. The timing and amounts for these are not yet finalised, but may be up to £100,000.

We have welcomed some new members, resulting in a modest increase in subscriptions (now £7,500); half a dozen social activities were arranged, resulting in overall fund raising income of some £1,300.

I must record my personal thanks to Lisa Hatherall, our Secretary, who has done a lot of work updating our database, and helped me in innumerable ways.

Canon Mike Bishop  
*Honorary Treasurer*

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

As mentioned in The Chairman's Report, The Friends' Social Committee organised several events in 2018.

Almost 70 guests enjoyed another hugely popular Desert Island Discs in May. This time with castaway Bishop Jo Bailey-Wells. Bishop Jo was expertly interviewed by our now resident Desert Island Discs host Katherine Dienes-Williams, Organist and Master of the Choristers. It was an excellent opportunity to get to know and find out the background and some interesting facts about Jo Bailey-Wells, Bishop of Dorking.

The first day trip of the year was to Chartwell House and Gardens in June. A glorious day was had by all exploring the home of one of Britain's greatest leaders. From the lakes to the rose gardens, a thriving kitchen garden to Churchill's swimming pool. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all.

The 2018 AGM was followed by a delicious buffet in Seasons Café and Kitchen.

Afternoon Tea took place in September with a highly entertaining talk by The Reverend Canon George Newton – former Master of a Girdlers Company. The Girdlers Company, which was involved with the making of girdles (or belts), received its Letters Patent from Edward III in 1327. While it no longer practises its craft – although it has the honour of presenting the girdle and stole worn by the Sovereign at each coronation.

Another trip in October took The Friends to Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms in London's Whitehall, where a Guided Walking Tour and visit to the War Rooms took place.

The final event of 2018 was The Friends Christmas Dinner which saw a very popular return visit from Tim Asson and his Jazz Trio.

## **FRIENDS DISCOUNT VOUCHER.**

Your Cathedral Shop discount voucher can be found with this Report or directly from the Secretary. Please take it along the shop from the 30 June - 7 July 2019 to enjoy a 20% discount on most items.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

We have two more events in 2019:

- A day trip to Winchester Cathedral (including a guided tour) and then free time for the Christmas Market – Wednesday 27 November
- The Friends Annual Christmas Dinner with entertainment

To try and keep costs down I will not be posting booking forms for these events. If you are interested in an event and you do not have email, could you please return the slip overleaf indicating the bookings forms you would like to receive when they become available.

Please note when booking an event it is now possible to pay online using the details stated in the booking form.

## **STAYING IN TOUCH**

Please remember to tell me if you move, or change your email address. If you have not been receiving email updates from me over the last few months, then I either don't have your latest email address or my emails are making their way into your spam/trash folder. I am now based at Reception in the Cathedral Office, Monday to Friday 10am until 2pm.  
Telephone: 01483 547 875

Email: [friends@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:friends@guildford-cathedral.org)

Website: [www.guildford-cathedral.org/support/friends](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org/support/friends)

Lisa Hatherall

Please send me a booking form(s) for the following events:

**Winchester Cathedral and Christmas Market**

Wednesday 27 November

**Friend's Tombola at the**

**Christmas Gift and Food Fair** (helpers required)

Friday 22 and Saturday 23 November

*(please tick if you available to help at the Fair and I will contact you nearer the time)*

**Christmas Dinner with Entertainment**

Tuesday 10 December

**YOUR DETAILS**

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Name

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Address

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# RENEWAL FORM

## FOR EXISTING OR NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

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Title and name(s)

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Address

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Postcode

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Telephone

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Email

If you are renewing your membership and you normally pay annually, or you would like to join The Friends, please fill in the details above and the Standing Order Form opposite, or make a cheque payable to *The Friends of Guildford Cathedral*. If you are able to gift aid your subscription, complete the form opposite. Please return ALL forms to:

The Friends of Guildford Cathedral, Cathedral Office, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP

### GIFT AID DECLARATION

I wish this and future subscriptions and donations to be treated as Gift Aid Donations. I understand that I must pay an amount of UK income tax and/or Capital gains at least equal to the tax that the Charity reclaims on my subscriptions in the tax year.

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Signed

Date

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Full Name

### Notes

\*Please notify The Friends of Guildford Cathedral of any change of address.

\*You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying The Friends of Guildford Cathedral and the declaration will then not apply to donations that you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.

\*If in the future your circumstance change and you no longer pay tax on the income and/or capital gains equal to the tax The Friends reclaim, then you can cancel your declaration.

\*If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

Thank you if you normally renew by Banker's Order – this saves us the cost of reminders and saves you the cost of postage. If you would like to renew in that way in the future, please complete the form opposite and return to the Friends' Office.

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# STANDING ORDER

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To (name of your bank)

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Address

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Postcode

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Your Bank Sort Code

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Your Account number.

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Please pay to: Lloyds Bank plc, Sort Code 30-93-74,  
147 High Street, Guildford GUI 3AG

For the credit of: The Friends of Guildford Cathedral,  
Account No. 69422368

The sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ on today's date and thereafter on the 1 July each year until  
further notice

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Your Name (in capitals)

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Your Home Address

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Postcode

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Signature

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Date

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Please note these are suggested minimum subscription amounts and it is hoped that those who are able to contribute more generously will do so.

## Subscriptions – due 1 July

Individual Member £20 pa

Individual Senior Member £15 pa  
*(retirement pensioner over 65)*

Senior Joint Membership £20 pa  
*(at least one member retired)*

Family Membership £30 pa  
*(husband, wife and children under 18)*

Corporate Membership £50 pa  
*(PCC and other church organisations, schools, clubs, societies, companies)*