



Friends of Leicester Cathedral

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Newsletter

2018

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A message from the Dean

Dear Friends

I write this with scaffolding hugging the south-west corner of the building as stone repairs begin funded by a World War I Memorial grant. These funds will be augmented by another



35k we have just received from the Headley Trust. I suspect that when this phase is completed that many will not necessarily notice that much difference. However the public will see three new replacement grotesques which hopefully will convey a suitably fierce tiger, fox and wild boar to reference important connections with our local communities.

Work to neighbouring properties is also beginning as the Diocese shapes up the Community of the Tree of Life adjacent to the Richard III Visitor Centre and the proposed St Martins Lodge to the west of New Street. Our hopes for something akin to a Cathedral Close is beginning to really shape up well as the place and activity of the church becomes real within the built environment.

Over these past years we have re-established our work with schools as Andy Heafford has built up his educational team. We bid for Diocesan Growth Fund monies which has enabled us to retain his services and to apply some of his wisdom to support our Sunday work with young people. We will create further Messy Cathedral days providing craft based faith activities to engage families more with our work and with the possibilities of faith.

The Cathedral team have decided to try and focus each season with an identified theme. This helps us with marketing to create more engagement. It also helps us to make better informed decisions about the things we shouldn't do or are not able to do. The first of these seasons was held in December and January under the title of Home when we worked in conjunction with John Lewis. In Lent and Easter we will focus on 'Bodies broken and blessed' which will include an art exhibition by Iain McKillop. Also we will host Luke Jerram's 'Exhibition of the Moon'

during British Science Week as a partnership with Leicester University. This will include the installation of a 7m sphere model of the moon hanging in our nave. During the summer the theme will be 'Conversation' and will include the Bishop undertaking one of his Big Conversations Weekends with us engaging many groups with faith. We are hoping to secure another important art exhibition in the summer focussing on refugees which will draw many into the building. In the autumn, we will focus on the conclusion to the centenary of the First World War with a theme of 'making peace'.

Design, planning and fundraising for Leicester Cathedral Revealed is going ahead apace. We are soon to sign off our RIBA Stage II plans which mean getting the fundamental design of the proposed new building right which will replace the current Old Song School. This new centre will enable everything from much better care of our visitors, spaces for exhibition and display, a space for learning as well as much better day to day facilities for our staff and volunteers, alongside storage which will keep the main cathedral clear of clutter. Chapter are committed to this building being constructed to Passivhaus standards which means addressing long term sustainability in light of our widely accepted long term environmental challenges.

Finally, cathedrals are catching attention nationally with new proposals being discussed for the way we should be governed, organised and regulated. The Report produced by the Church of England concludes that 'cathedrals are spectacular and wonderful expressions of the mission of God in His world. There is much to celebrate, guard and nurture in the life of cathedrals – congregations are growing, people continue to visit in vast numbers and demand for the contribution of cathedrals in civil society and the public square defies expectations in a secular age. All of this attests to their increasing popularity and cultural importance – cathedrals bring something unique and wonderful to Church and nation' (sect 18, p6 Cathedrals Working Group Report 18 January 2018). I think we continue to glimpse something of this here in Leicester and I remain very grateful to all of you for the ways in which you assist us to fulfil this unique vocation.

The Very Revd David Monteith

A message from the Chairman January 2018

A belated Happy New Year to you all. As a Friend of Leicester Cathedral you have enabled us to contribute to the life and work of Leicester Cathedral in a variety of ways. The arrival of Bishop Martyn and the retirement of Bishop Christopher, the Assistant Bishop, meant that the Bishop's and Dean's Board and the Assistant Bishop's board needed to be updated; the Friends have paid for this as has become our custom. Following the announcement that the Diocese was to have a suffragan bishop who will be known as the Bishop of Loughborough, a grant was agreed towards the cost of providing a Cathedra for the new Bishop. The new Cathedra was used for the first time on December 1st during the service of welcome for the Rt Revd Guli Francis-Dehqani as the first Bishop of Loughborough. This year we have made a contribution towards the salary of Andy Heafford, the Education Officer at the Cathedral whose work with young children is much appreciated. A request from the Dean to fund a "Vox Pop" video on what "Home" means to people. This was agreed and the video was shown during Advent in the "Home" which the John Lewis store in Leicester had created in the Chapel of Christ the King. This proved to be a thought provoking project and was a great success. The complete list of grants awarded can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Lady Gretton, one of our Patrons, is a regular attendee of our events and her continued support is much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has attended our activities in 2017 and to the committee for their help in organising them. We are very grateful to those of you who are unable to attend our events but have nevertheless given so generously.

During the past year 6 members and 1 life member have joined us to become Friends, which is very encouraging. I urge you as in previous years to invite your friends to join us for the modest cost of £10 per year for a single member and £15 for joint membership. You will find further information and an application form on the back page of this newsletter.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Peggy Snowden, Celia Davies, Jill Staniforth and Michael Phillips in 2017 all great stalwarts of the Friends. Peggy Snowden was chairman in 1994 and she remained on the committee un-

til 2010. Celia Davies took over as chairman from Peggy in 2004, a post she held until 2009 but she remained an enthusiastic committee member until 2015. Michael Phillips served on the committee from 2015. We are very grateful to Jill's and Peggy's families for allowing the retirement collection at their funerals to benefit the Friends. In addition a most welcome legacy of £2,000 has been received from the estate of Peggy which is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to meeting you in 2018.

David Beeson



Home installation—Christmas 2017



Bishop of Loughborough Cathedra

Grants awarded to the Cathedral in 2017

£90 for the flowers for Mothering Sunday.

£450 towards the cost of flowers for the Maundy Service.

£2,260 towards a Cathedra for the Bishop of Loughborough.

£2,000 to provide a "Vox Pop Video" for the Cathedral's "Home" Event

£4,274 towards the salary of Andy Heafford, the Cathedral Education Officer.

£198 to update the Bishop's & Dean's Board and Assistant Bishop's Board.

Events in 2017

The Dean and Chapter invited the Friends to the 10.30am Eucharist on Sunday 5th February. Many Friends attended the service followed by coffee and 53 the walked across to the Kempe Room of St. Martins House where we enjoyed a delicious roast lunch prepared and served by Nick Quinn and his team.

On Wednesday 3rd May after a 6.30pm wine reception the AGM took place at 7pm in the Grand Hall of St. Martins House attended by 50 members. The Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary all presented their reports followed by the election of officers and committee chaired by our President, the Dean. (The officers and committee are detailed on the inside of the front cover.)

The Dean then spoke; he began by thanking the Friends for the support given to the Cathedral and specifically for the grants received in 2016. He said that his sabbatical in 2016 had been of great value to him not only could he step back but it also allowed others to step up. He commented too on how good it was to welcome the Queen on Maundy Thursday. He concluded by reading a short extract from the booklet produced to be used in fundraising *Leicester Cathedral Revealed*.

Mr Gordon Arthur, Chairman of the Appeal Committee, then reported that the initial application to the Heritage Lottery Fund had been turned down in the autumn but a second application had been made in March and good news was hoped for within the next week or so. (There was good news!) When that is given people will be asked to fulfil their pledges enabling applications to be made to other Trusts and Foundations.

The main speaker was Bishop Martyn; he began by summarising the main events of the Leicester Diocese, the Queen's 90th birthday, the Battle of the Somme celebrations, ordinations, Advent and Christmas services and the Royal Maundy Service which was a great privilege to host. Looking forward, he is excited about the potential of the Cathedral Revealed Project. He is to establish a new monastic order for young people who will be part of for one year. Bishop Christopher will be retiring but will remain as an Honorary Assistant Bishop. A



Friends lunch after service of welcome

new See of Loughborough has been created and a Suffragan Bishop is to be appointed. The Cathedral and Diocese have a few very exciting years ahead.

Our Summer Fundraising Event was held on 21st June at The Hollies, Frolesworth, the home of David and Joan Beeson. 42 guests enjoyed wine and a finger buffet while sitting out in the garden on a balmy summer evening. Meanwhile Janet Arthur spoke to small groups in turn on the progress of the Leicester Cathedral Revealed project. The event raised £925.



Evening garden party at the Hollies

On Saturday, 30th September 22 members visited Peterborough Cathedral and Fotheringhay. We toured the Cathedral in 2 groups with excellent guides including seeing the tomb of Catherine of Aragon and the original burial place of Mary Queen of Scots. In the afternoon we journeyed to Fotheringhay where we were met by the enthusiastic and very knowledgeable Colin Pendrill. He took us to see the remains of Fotheringhay Castle, birth place of Richard 111 before our tour of the church, burial place of Richard's parents and other members of his family. We ended our visit with tea and homemade cake served by the churchwardens. All agreed it had been an excellent day.



Peterborough Cathedral



Fotheringhay Church



Fotheringhay

Our last event of 2017 was a return visit to the Chef & Spice on 6th November, when 70 guests were warmly welcomed by Mr Syed Rahman. His generosity together with the raffle and other donations resulted in £891 being raised for funds. This was a most successful evening both socially and financially.

Regular Services

Sunday

- 08.00 Eucharist
- 10.30 Cathedral Eucharist
- 15.00 Choral Evensong*

Monday

- 08.30 Eucharist *for the Diocese of Leicester*
- 17.30 Choral Evensong*

Tuesday

- 08.30 Morning Prayer
- 13.00 Eucharist: *A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing*
- 15.00 Cancer Care Prayer Group
- 17.30 Choral Evensong*

Wednesday

- 08.30 Morning Prayer
- 13.00 Eucharist *for Peace and Justice*
- 17.30 Evening Prayer

Thursday

- 08.30 Morning Prayer
- 13.00 Eucharist *for the Unity of the Church*
- 17.30 Choral Evensong*

Friday

- 08.30 Morning Prayer
- 13.00 Eucharist: *Watching and Waiting*
- 17.30 Evening Prayer

Saturday

- 08.30 Morning Prayer
- 17.30 Evening Prayer

*Sung during term time - see the Cathedral website for more information



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 28th January 10.30am.

Invitation from the Dean & Chapter to attend the Eucharist followed by Lunch in St Martins House - details already circulated.

Wednesday 2nd May 6.30pm for 7pm.

Reception followed by the Annual General Meeting in St Martins House with the President.

Friday 29th June 6.30pm.

Evening Event at The Brand, Woodhouse Eaves by kind invitation of Col Robert & Mrs Janie Martin

Saturday 6th October.

Visit to Coventry Cathedral to include attendance at the Girl's Choir's Festival.
(Coventry, Derby, Leicester and Southwell)

November.

Fundraising Supper. T.B.A.

Details of these events will be sent nearer the time

Membership Application Form

I/We wish to join the Friends of Leicester Cathedral

Annual Single membership £10 pa

Annual joint* membership £15 pa

Single Life Membership £250 (over 60's £150)

Joint* Life membership £400

*Joint membership is open to two people living at the same address.

The membership fees are guideline figures but if you can give more it would be most welcome.

Title..... First name

Surname.....

Title and names of second member (if applicable)

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Address.....

.....**Postcode.....**

Telephone.....

Email.....

Payment details

The Membership runs from 1 April until 31 March Members may find it convenient and it is

administratively helpful to the Friends' if subsequent annual subscriptions are paid by Banker's Order. I/We enclose a cheque for £.....

(payable to The Friends of Leicester Cathedral)

Banker's Order

To the Manager.....Bank plc

Address.....

.....**Postcode.....**

Please pay to the account of The Friends of Leicester Cathedral at NatWest Bank plc,

Leicester Hinckley Rd Branch, Leicester. LE3

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87203081 the sum of £..... commencing on

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Full name/s (please print clearly)

Gift Aid it—Friends of Leicester Cathedral Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the declaration below. This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given at no cost to you or us. Thank you.

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Full Name _____

Address (including postcode) _____

_____Postcode_____

Signature_____

Notes

1. Please notify the Association if you: Want to cancel this declaration.

Change your name or home address.

No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/ or capital gains.

Gift Aid is linked to basic rate of tax, currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated.

2. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue

THE FRIENDS OF LEICESTER CATHEDRAL

Aims and Objectives

The Charity is established to assist and support the Dean and Chapter in furthering the religious and charitable work of the Cathedral in particular, but not exclusively, by:

- Helping by prayer, gifts and services in the general work of the **Cathedral and by contributing to the Cathedral's maintenance, adornment, improvement and preservation.**
- Forging and strengthening links between the Cathedral, the Diocese and the Community both in the City of Leicester and the County of Leicestershire.
- Providing a means of bringing together in friendship and society those who **wish to play a part in supporting the Cathedral's life and worship.**

Annual Subscriptions

Individual £10, Joint £15, Parish £15, Life £250, Life Over 60 £150

For membership details please contact: Mrs Penny Russell, 27 Pells Close, Fleckney, Leicester LE8 8TS or visit The Friends section on the Cathedral website where you will find details of how to become a member of The Friends.

Legacies

If Leicester Cathedral is a special place for you, then please consider leaving a gift to The Friends in your Will. There are several ways in which you can do this and your solicitor will be able to advise which form of gift is most suitable for you.

