

The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter

Summer 2015



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Friends' Dates to remember: ALL WELCOME

Sat 19 Sept: Friends' Festival Day with Speaker James Runcie
 Thurs 12 - Sat 14 Nov: Friends' Stall at Cathedral Christmas Fair
 Weds 25 Nov: Friends' Social with Quiz
 Fri 15 Jan: Farewell Desert Island Discs with Canon Alan Hargrave
 Fri 4 March: Friends' Son et Lumiere
 Fri 27 May: 80th Anniversary Celebration Dinner
 Sat 26 Sept: Friends' Day 2016

AUGUST in the Friends' Office

The Friends' Office will be staffed less than usual during August. Please send an email or letter or leave a message on the answerphone and it will be dealt with as soon as possible.
No tickets for events will be sent out until September but will be dealt with in order of receipt. Tickets for the Friends' Day lunch **must** be booked in advance and will be posted in early September.

FRIENDS' EVENING

Desert Island Discs

Friday, 15 January 2016 at 7.30pm

We are delighted that **Canon Alan Hargrave** has offered to be Castaway for a farewell Desert Island Discs! This will be a very special evening and Paul Trepte, our Director of Music, has kindly agreed to be the interviewer. The weather outside might be far from tropical but we shall give a warm welcome and help you dream of sunny days and island pursuits! The venue is tbc - hopefully The Old Palace otherwise the Cathedral.

Tickets: £6 Friends, £8 Guests, under 16s free

This evening is bound to be popular and we suggest that you buy your tickets early! **Priority booking form below - tickets available from the Box Office from early October.**

FRIENDS' DESERT ISLAND DISCS Friday 15 Jan

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£6** each
 and _____ Guest tickets at **£8** each

NB Under 16s are welcome free of charge! _____

I enclose a cheque for _____ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' **and an SAE**

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail _____

 Tel no. _____

Please return this form to: Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,
 The Chapter House, The College,
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Zanzibar Cathedral Exhibition

Ely Cathedral has a long established link with Zanzibar Cathedral, which stands on the site of the old Slave Market in Stone Town. Missionaries such as David Livingstone, who was based in Zanzibar, did much to stop the slave trade and to help educate released slaves. Because of its connection with the abolition of slavery, Zanzibar Cathedral is a World Heritage Site. However, until recently it was in a very poor state of repair, with serious structural problems and they needed to raise around a million Euros to restore it. This seemed an impossible task for a poor and struggling church to achieve, however, with the help of the US Ambassador, the World Monument Fund, the European Union and partners in the UK and USA, they have indeed done just that – raised a million Euros, nothing short of a miracle! The external work of restoration is almost complete and the internal work is well under way. They are also creating an anti-slavery exhibition to educate people about slavery – both historically and in its present forms.

The World Monument Fund have created an exhibition to show the restoration work and the link with slavery. The exhibition is coming to Ely Cathedral from **25 August - 3 October** (*NB this includes Friends' Day*) and will be on display in the SW Transept. It is free and open to all.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Summer 2015 Newsletter. If you have **email** please tell us! We are very conscious of increasing costs and prefer to email this Newsletter if possible — though are always willing to send hard copies when asked. Many thanks to the volunteer Friends who have delivered many of the hard copies in order to save postage.

As always **please check that you have paid the correct subs for 2015** (minimum £15/£25) and send a supplementary cheque or revised Standing Order as necessary.

Thank you for your continuing support of The Friends and our very special Cathedral. We hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter and that we shall soon see you in Ely.

Best wishes,

Sue

Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer

FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS CARDS 2015

Following the success of last year's card we are delighted that Revd John Sansom has kindly painted a winter view of the Cathedral for us to use as this year's Friends' Christmas Card. We shall keep the price the same as last year - that is £5 for 10 and they will again be good quality cards and fountain pen friendly too!

The Cards will be launched at Friends' Day with a special 10% discount - if you would like to see them in advance please ask for a sample or look at the design on Friends' Cathedral noticeboard or visit our webpage (from early September).

www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral

Please consider sending Friends' Cards - we made over £3,000 profit last year - and maybe also consider giving Friends' Membership as a Christmas present? Cards can also be ordered directly from Sue Hunting, with postage added if applicable.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Once again we shall be looking for volunteers to help pack Christmas Cards, sell cards on the Friends' Stall at the Christmas Fair and help deliver Yearbooks and Newsletters at the end of January 2016 - we try to hand deliver in Ely and nearby villages in order to save postage.

If **you** can help please return the slip below or send an email or leave a phone message! Many thanks.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

I am willing to help with: *please indicate*

Card Packing

Stall at Christmas Fair

Delivering Yearbooks in _____

Please return to Sue Hunting, address as on front cover.

FRIENDS' YEARBOOK 2015

The 2015 Yearbook will be published and hard copies distributed (by post or hand delivery) to all Friends in January 2016.

As usual we welcome relevant contributions from Friends - please send articles, poems, photographs etc to Sue Hunting at The Friends' Office by 1 December 2015. We should be especially pleased to receive reports of any Friends activities that you have attended - and in particular to hear from any new Friends who came to the New Friends' Evening on 10 June.

Thank you in anticipation!

FRIENDS' SOCIAL EVENING

Wednesday, 25 November 2015

7.30pm in Bishop Woodford House

Following the success of previous events why not come and enjoy a Social Evening with The Friends and find out just how friendly we all are?!

There will be wine and light refreshments together with a 'not too serious' Quiz and time to chat.

Tickets are £8 Friends, £10 Guests and available using the form below. They can also be ordered from the Box Office from early October.

FRIENDS' SOCIAL Wednesday, 25 November

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£7** each
and _____ Guest tickets at **£10** each

I enclose a cheque for _____ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' **and an SAE**

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail _____

 Tel no. _____

Please return this form to: Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,
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Tickets can also be ordered via the Cathedral Box Office from late-Sept.

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair 2015

This event gets bigger every year! Dates for November are

Thurs 12 Nov: 6.30 pm Preview Evening

A limited number of tickets now available @£5 each

Fri 13 Nov: 9.30am - 4.30pm and 6.30 - 9.30pm

Sat 14 Nov: 9.30am - 4.30pm

Entry price on Fri and Sat is £3.00

Children under 16 FREE when accompanied by an adult

Tickets available from the Cathedral Box Office and online.

2016 - The Friends are 80!

The Friends of Ely Cathedral was established in 1936 - so next year we shall celebrate being 80!

To mark this anniversary we have arranged several special activities:

Friday, 4 March: Friends' Son et Lumiere - please note the date, full details will be in the January 2016 newsletter

Friday, 27 May: Friends' Celebration Dinner

The Celebration Anniversary Dinner will be a black tie event, held in the Monastic Barn. Tickets will cost around £45, to include a three-course meal, welcome drink and wine, and surprise entertainment (not local and not musical!).

Full details will be in the January 2016 Newsletter but since places are limited we are happy to receive expressions of interest in advance.

Please let Sue, or a member of the Friends' Council, know if you would like to attend.

DISPLAY: At the Dinner (and perhaps for Friends' Day too) we hope to have a display of Friends' literature, photos etc — and the Social Committee would be pleased to receive contributions and/or offers of help with co-ordinating the display.

GIFT: It has also been suggested that the Friends' might like to buy 'an item' as a gift to the Cathedral to mark our anniversary. Further details of how to donate will also be in the January Newsletter but in the meantime we welcome ideas of possible gifts.

Thinking early about Christmas presents? 'The Friends' is always happy to supply Gift Membership (annual or life) — or to convert annual membership to life. Please contact the office to discuss how we can help you! Friends' membership makes a nice and unusual gift!

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, 19 September 2015

10.30 Sung Eucharist in the Presbytery

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Alan Hargrave

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Alan Hargrave

11.45 Sherry on the grass outside the Processional Way

12.30 Lunch in The Lady Chapel (to be booked in advance, see P 11)

1.45 Annual General Meeting in the South Transept (see Page 8)

NB The AGM will start 15 minutes earlier than previously advertised

Guest Speaker: James Runcie (see Page 7)

FAITH, LOVE & MURDER: The Grantchester Mysteries come to Ely

4.00 Tea in the Lady Chapel

4.20 Choice of Activities (see Page 7)

- a) Tour of Prior Crauden's Chapel
- b) Tour of the Monuments
- c) Open Choir Rehearsal

5.30 Friends' Festal Evensong

During which there will be presentations of

i) **The Dean Hankey Memorial Prize:** presented to a chorister chosen by the Director of Music

ii) **The Friends of Ely Cathedral Medallion:** presented to a chorister chosen by the Chapter, on the recommendation of the Director of Music

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH 2015

Sat. 19 September — 12.30pm in The Lady Chapel

BUFFET MENU

Glass of Wine or Fruit Juice

Salad Nicoise with Hot Smoked Salmon
Baked Gammon Ham with Cumberland Dressing
Vegetarian Quiche (*please request when booking*)

Hot New Potatoes, Tomato & Red Onion Salad,
Watermelon, Feta, Olive & Mint Salad, Green Salad

Chocolate Pecan Pie
Mango & Passion Fruit Fool with honeyed oat topping
Fresh Fruit Salad

Coffee or Tea

I wish to order _____ Friend lunches at **£17** each

_____ Guest lunches at **£20** each

Including _____ Vegetarian Quiche

or other special requests _____

I enclose a cheque for _____ to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral'
and an SAE

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

NAME OF GUEST (if applicable) _____

E-mail _____ Tel _____

Please return this **form, cheque & SAE**, before Friday, 4 Sept to :
Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer, The Chapter House,
The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

NB Tickets will not be sent out until September, they are not available through the Box Office.

Friends' Gifts to the Cathedral

Since the 2014 AGM the Friends' Council have approved the following gifts to the Cathedral:

- ◆ up to £17,000 for three Visitor mobile phone Apps –
 - a) Pilgrim Trail (outside the Cathedral)
 - b) Etheldreda,
 - c) Children's Safari
- ◆ up to £2,000 for Scapulars (or similar) for the Cathedral Guides
- ◆ £1,000 for Choir Folders for Boys, Girls & Men Choristers
- ◆ up to £25,000 for a new Cathedral Kitchen
- ◆ up to £10,000 for extra scaffold costs for North Transept Project
- ◆ £7,500 - £10,000 for conservation of N Transept Wall Paintings
- ◆ up to £5,000 for purpose built storage facilities in the Cathedral for the Education Department
- ◆ up to £10,000 for a stone Disability Ramp near the Lady Chapel (to replace the present noisy/insubstantial ramp)
- ◆ up to £15,000 for Refectory Improvements (external)

Friends' Accounts for 2014 (see Page 9) To reduce costs we are not sending paper copies of the accounts with this Newsletter, though electronic copies will be circulated to email recipients and can also be downloaded from our webpage:

www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral

Hard copies will be available at the AGM on 19 September. If you require a copy before then please contact the office.

Friends' Day Guest Speaker: James Runcie

FAITH, LOVE AND MURDER: The Grantchester Mysteries come to Ely
James Runcie is the best-selling author of The Grantchester Mysteries and Volume 4 in the series "Sidney Chambers and the Forgiveness of Sins" has just been published. In it, James's fictional detective, Canon Sidney Chambers is made Archdeacon of Ely.
Come and hear James talk about the inspiration behind the books, his life growing up in the Church of England (his father Robert Runcie was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1980-1991), and his love of both Cambridge (where he was born and went to University) and Ely (his favourite Cathedral). An extra excitement is that James will be coming direct from the film set where the second series of "Grantchester" is being filmed for ITV.

FRIENDS' DAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

From 4.20 - 5.15pm on Friends' Day we shall be offering a choice of activities. Whilst it may be possible to 'choose on the day' it would be helpful, where possible, to know in advance.
Please let the office know (contact details on front cover) if you are coming to Friends' Day and your choice of Tour, if any:

- 1) **Tour of Prior Crauden's Chapel:** *NB Steep steps.*
- 2) **Tour of Cathedral Monuments:** *especially those recently restored*
- 3) **Open Choir Rehearsal:** *4.30pm in the Presbytery*

FRIENDS' DAY DONATIONS TOWARDS COSTS

Friends' Day has traditionally been a free event, with the only cost being paid by those who had lunch. However we are now offering more incidental refreshments (sherry, tea/coffee etc) as well as varied activities and of course there are always expenses associated with organising such a day. For this reason we are asking everyone attending to make a small, voluntary donation towards the cost of the day. We suggest £3/head and donation baskets will be out during Friends' Day on 19 September - we ask for your support.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Sat 19 Sept 2015 at 1.45pm

AGENDA

1. a) Prayers b) Apologies
2. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Seventy-First Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 27 September 2014 (circulated to all Friends in the 2014 Yearbook)
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
4. **Chairman's Report: The Dean**
5. **Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Richard Setchell** (see Page 9)
& Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2014 (see P 10)
6. **Report from Chair of Council: Mrs Helen Merrick**
7. **Friends' Officer's Report: Mrs Sue Hunting**
8. **Election of Council Members if necessary**
Thanks are due to Mrs Carol Bushnell and Mr Geoff Mizen, both of whom have completed a term on the Council and are happy to stand for re-election. Details of any other nominees should be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Friday, 4th Sept 2015.
9. **Requests for Grants**
Chapter have requested that The Friends underwrite a project to create an animated Digital Model of Ely Cathedral, to a maximum of £50,000.
Louise Hampton from the University of York will give a presentation about the project before the request is voted on.
10. **Any Other Business**
Any motion to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting must be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Friday, 4th September 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

The Friends have had another satisfactory year from a financial point of view.

Total income was £62,774 (2013 - £60,517). This includes a legacy of £1,000 and investment income, interest and tax reclaimed of £23,583 (2013 - £12,303). Of this amount nearly £15,000 is attributable to the investing of the Stanley Johnson bequest which, as I have reported before, has been set aside and designated to support a major project in the future.

Total expenditure, excluding gifts to Ely Cathedral, increased by £2,314 to £23,654. This increase is mainly attributable to increased salary costs because of the Friends' Officer having to work longer hours.

We have been obliged this year to change the basis on which gifts to the cathedral are shown. Previously they were included as an expense when paid, and unpaid and approved requests for funding were shown as a commitment note in the accounts. The accounts now show the approved requests made prior to the year-end as an expense and liability (if not paid), and the commitment note only reports on approved requests made since the year end. Over time this is "swings & roundabouts" but it does explain the increase in the amount of gifts from £114,217 in 2013 to £156,974 in 2014.

The net assets of the charity at 31 December 2014 were £962,294. Of this £774,213 was the ring fenced designated fund leaving £188,081 general funds. £61,000 of the general funds has been committed as further gifts since 31 December 2014.

At the 2014 AGM the members approved the transfer of the assets of the charity to a newly formed charity, The Friends of Ely Cathedral CIO (charitable incorporated organisation). This process is almost complete and the CIO is now operating.

The accounts were approved by council on 28 April 2015 and it will be proposed at the AGM that they be adopted.

Richard O Setchell, Hon. Treasurer
3 July 2015