



FRIENDS OF
GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Annual
REPORT
2021



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.

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 since 2019. I hope you're enjoying being part of our charity, which makes such a valued contribution to the vibrant life of Guildford Cathedral. The Pandemic has prevented us from gathering together during the last couple of years, but I am delighted that we are starting to run social events, which I look forward to seeing you at, and I know Lisa values your regular input and the time you give.

In the snapshots further in this report you can read about the 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. The funding from The Friends for the streaming equipment enabled us to allow people to continue to come to services throughout the lockdown and continues to allow those who are unable to come to services to take part from a distance.

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. 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 "D. Anna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

NOTICE OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AGENDA

The fifty-third Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Guildford Cathedral will be held on **Sunday 26 June 2022** in Seasons Café and Kitchen at **11.30am**.

AGENDA

1. Welcome by Chairman, The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3 October 2021
4. Matters arising
5. Presentation of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021
6. To appoint the Independent Examiners and Solicitors
7. Appointment of Director(s) to the Board. Names of potential candidates must be submitted to the Secretary at the Cathedral Office by noon on Friday 10 June 2022. A list of eligible candidates will be published on the day of the AGM.
8. Any other business

SCHEDULE

9.45am Eucharist

11.30am Coffee and AGM in Seasons

12.30pm Summer buffet

Buffet: £21.50 per person and must be booked in advance and by **Monday 20 June, 2022**

Email to book your place: friends@guildford-cathedral.org

PAYMENT

Payment can be made online or by cheque – bank account details:
Lloyds Bank • Sort Code: 30-93-74 • Account No. 69422368
Account Name: Friends of Guildford Cathedral

Please make your cheque payable to the Friends of Guildford Cathedral
Lisa Hatherall, Guildford Cathedral, Guildford, GU2 7UP

Cheques will not be paid in until closing date for bookings,
from which date payment is non-refundable.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2021 AT 11am IN THE NAVE, GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Present: The Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams (Chairman)
Canon Mary Morris (Vice Chairman)
Mike Bishop (Honorary Treasurer)
Shirley-Margaret Lloyd
Angela Townshend
Joy Allen

In attendance: 18 Members of The Friends

1. **WELCOME:** The Chairman formally opened the meeting. The Chairman thanked the Secretary for distributing the papers.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence had been received from Muriel Mulvany, Jim Blake and 15 members.

3. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 7th July 2019:** The Minutes were proposed as an accurate record of that meeting by the Chair, Dean Dianna Gwilliams; Seconded by Mike Bishop and carried unanimously.

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

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COMMENTS:** The Chairman commented on the difficulties and challenges we had all faced over the last 18 months, specifically when trying to meet with each other. The Chairman is hopeful of a more exciting 2022 and spoke of the Cathedral's Diamond Anniversary celebrations taking place post-Christmas. She is confident that the Cathedral is moving forward positively.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

The Treasurer commented that in a difficult year, income had held up surprisingly well. It was slightly lower than 2019 due to several significant legacies being received in that year. Expenditure for social elements was down due to there not being any, whereas grants agreed by the Trustees were slightly up as reported in the accounts.

Overall, the financial position remained almost static because of the substantial financial reserves. The reserves had been managed so that during the course of 2020/2021 the ordinary reserves were separated from the endowment funds because those funds had reduced in spending value. The Treasurer explained that a policy has been adopted by separating the endowment reserves out and putting them in a different place, where they can grow back in value.

With no questions being raised The Report & Accounts were unanimously received by the Members.

7. TO APPOINT THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Moore (South) LLP for the year ending 31st December 2021 at a fee to be agreed by the Directors. This was proposed by Dianna Gwilliams Seconded by Linda Sharpin and carried unanimously.

8. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS A detailed explanation ensued from the Treasurer as to why a proposal was put forward from the Dean to re-elect Shirley-Margaret Lloyd for a further two years, rather than three. The proposal was rejected and Shirley-Margaret was re-elected to the Board for a further three years, together with Mike Bishop, Angela Townshend, Muriel Mulvany, Jim Blake who had completed 6 years, stands down and Pauline Read was elected to take his place. Proposed by Dianna Gwilliams; Seconded by Mary Morris and carried unanimously.

9. SPECIAL RESOLUTION - TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

The following was discussed and after some clarification from Mike Bishop the Special Resolution was unanimously received by the Members.

- a) To increase the quorum of members for a General Meeting from 5 to 12 [Article 17(2)];
- b) To allow a General Meeting (including an AGM) to be held by electronic means (e.g. by Zoom) or when a physical meeting is held, to allow participation of members by electronic means; the decision as to which option should be adopted (physical, mixed, virtual) to be made by the directors in accordance with prevailing circumstances [Article 15(2)];
- c) To increase the maximum number of directors from 9 to 12 [Article 28];
- d) To replace Articles 34, 37 and 38 [Appointment of directors].

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Joy Allen raised concern about the Cathedral no longer live streaming or broadcasting choral services. Shirley-Margaret Lloyd endorsed Joy's concerns and reminded attendees that The Friends had contributed a considerable amount to the live streaming equipment, and if a permanent withdrawal, she would expect money to be refunded to The Friends. The Chairman said she was

confident that the withdrawal of live streaming was a temporary measure but at this moment she was not at liberty to explain why the facility had been withdrawn. The Chairman felt it unnecessary to approach Chapter to reimburse any of the funding but it remained an option. She reiterated how grateful the Chapter was to The Friends for the grant and the huge difference it had made to so many people wishing to attend services remotely.

As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12 noon.

HONORARY TREASURERS REPORT 2021

Dear Friend,

You will see from the Annual Report that the Friends have done what they could to support the Cathedral during the pandemic. We have done this by focussing on the Friends ability to “advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Cathedral statutes”, and “to advance the education of the public in religious fabric”. This has resulted in our support for various projects related to communication of worship during the pandemic, details of which are in the Annual Report.

We have been able to do this because of the continued generosity of Friends (in addition to annual subscriptions) and some generous bequests from friends who have remembered us in the Wills.

Subscriptions are dropping, and we are looking to enlarge our membership and find new ways of working with the Cathedral, within our charitable objects. Our unrestricted reserves remain at a level which will enable us to respond to appropriate requests from Chapter – at least for the time being.

We have managed to re-start our social events programme following lockdowns – I hope I may see you at some future events!

Canon Mike Bishop
Honorary Treasurer

RENEWAL FORM

FOR EXISTING OR NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Title and name(s)

Address

Postcode

Telephone

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.

Signed

Date

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.

Registered charity No. 250402. Company Registration No. 540920

STANDING ORDER

To (name of your bank)

Branch

Address

Postcode

Your Bank Sort Code

Your Account number.

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

Your Name (in capitals)

Your Home Address

Postcode

Signature

Date

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)

NOMINATION FORM

Friends of Guildford Cathedral

For the post of

Person nominated

D.O.B

Address

Postcode

Nominated by (Member)

Address

Postcode

Signed

Date

DECLARATION BY NOMINEE

I, accept the nomination to the Friends of Guildford Cathedral

Signed

Date

Completed forms to be submitted to:

The Secretary Friends

Guildford Cathedral

Stag Hill

Guildford

GU2 7UP

No later than 3pm on Friday 11 June, 2022

FREE ADMISSION



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CATHEDRAL

coffee CONCERTS 2022

18 August •

Erik and Jo Levi, cello and piano

15 September •

Emily Bollon, singer

20 October •

Frantisek Brikcius, cello

10 November •

Rock Choir

Tea and coffee available in the Cathedral
from 10.30am, concerts start at 11.15am.

Free admission, all welcome.

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GIFT AND BOOK SHOP

20-25 June 2022

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We are offering all Friends 20% off any items on production of this advert.

Minimum spend £5
in a single transaction.

ENQUIRIES

Shop: 01483 547 872

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COME ON IN**

