



**THE FRIENDS OF
TRURO CATHEDRAL**



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WELCOME TO THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL SPRING NEWS 2016

In order to reduce the amount of paper we've used in the past we are including **"Tear Out Application Forms"** at the end of this publication. So if you wish to **book for lunch, buy tickets for any event or nominate someone for Council** please tear out and use as appropriate.

COUNCIL

The following members of Council will be retiring Mary Prior – Treasurer, Peter Hewson and David Lansdowne – Council Members. We are seeking two members of Chapter to complete their representation on Council and a Treasurer. Nominations must be returned to the Secretary by 6th May 2016

AGM LUNCH MENU

Sherry or soft drink on arrival

Roast Beef

Roast Chicken

Stuffed courgette filled with roasted fennel, sweet potato and butternut squash topped with mixed nut crumble

Seasonal Vegetables

Lemon Meringue Pie

Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard
Profiteroles

Tea and Coffee

£15.50 per person

Please select your Menu Choice on the "tear out" form available at the back of this publication. Tickets available by post, at coffee after the Sunday Eucharist or from the Friends' Office on Wednesday mornings 10 -12am.

**PLEASE NOTE WE SHALL START SERVING LUNCH
AT 12 NOON PROMPT**



FRIENDS FESTIVAL DAY AND AGM

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2016

Programme

10am Sung Eucharist (Trinity Sunday)

11.45am Drinks in the Chapter House

12noon Grace and Lunch

1.45pm AGM

Agenda

Opening prayer

Apologies for absence

Minutes of AGM on Sunday 17th May 2015

Matters arising

President's Report

Chairman's Report

Presentation of Accounts

Election of Officers

Closing Prayer

3pm

Mr. Graham Brack

of Reeds the Chemist

will give a talk entitled

“In Praise of Bolshie Patients”

Tea and Biscuits

The President of the Friends writes...



Recently Lois and I went to Cambridge for a long-standing preaching engagement I had at Magdalene College. It was a very enriching experience; we hardly knew Cambridge and so it was great fun wandering around the place. Magdalene's Chapel is nowhere near as grand as King's or St John's (where Andrew Nethsingha, a former director of music here, heads up the music foundation), but its modest scale and presence gave Evensong an intimate atmosphere. Following the service there was a candlelit dinner in the Hall, which again was a wonderful and somewhat rapt occasion.

It made me think, though, that we can be beguiled by the world we live in. Cambridge colleges evoke a sense of timelessness (the same Latin grace was used before dinner as has been said for centuries), and this can have a hypnotic effect on us. I am not saying for one moment that the Fellows of Magdalene are stuck in a time warp, of course not, but the sense of place provides a reassuring context in which sometimes radical learning can take place.

Cathedrals are no different. We have a fantastic musical and worshipping tradition here at Truro, and that can be very mesmerising. But such familiarity needs to provide a springboard to many other things, otherwise it just becomes a self-indulgence. Of course neither our music nor our worship is self-indulgent because they both take risks from time to time, experiencing new forms and new expressions, and that has to be good.

But that is true of the Cathedral as a whole. We can either rest on our laurels or we can try new things as part of our mission to serve the whole community in the name of Jesus Christ. That can be exhausting, and I am not suggesting either we rip up everything we have done so far, nor make sure that every day is totally different to the one before. An adventurous spirit needs firm foundations and vice versa.

The Friends, I know, are part of this enterprise, and enterprising is a good word to describe the Friends. It is a very good thing to build up our common life by organising events that are fun as well as informative, and the diversity of things the Friends lay on is exceptional.

At the heart of the Friends' activity are two principle elements: firstly, a sense that people matter. We do this for others as well as ourselves, and the encouragement the Friends gives to newcomers at the Cathedral is much appreciated. The second is the awareness that there is something bigger around us to which we devote ourselves. 'Cathedral' is really a catch-all phrase for all sorts of good activity, and the Friends play a vital part in delivering that activity.

So, thank you again to all who are associated with the Friends in any way. Chapter is very appreciative of all your work. If we are minded, sometimes, to think of cathedrals in terms of a beautiful picture in a gilded frame, then I would urge you to challenge that thought. Cathedrals are vibrant, exciting and exploratory places in which Christian principles are lived out to the full. The Friends play their part in that here in Truro, and they deserve a big thank you for so doing.

Roger Bush, February 2016.



LOWENNA LUKE

The Friends have, for some time now, been without a website and active email addresses. These, nowadays, are important for administration and especially for our social and fundraising activities. We are extremely grateful to Lowenna Luke, a Partner in First Spark LLP, for her time and hard work in creating the website and activating the email addresses which are now available to us.

Message from the Chairman



Dear fellow friends,

The Friends of Truro Cathedral continues to thrive. During 2015 it has run its normal programme of activities and special trips including a particularly interesting trip in September to Trelowarren Mansion House and Retreat Centre on the Lizard. As always the annual boat trip to St Mawes was successful and blessed with good weather. A fuller description of the activities is to be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

None of these activities would happen without the efforts of the Social & Fundraising Committee where Joy Reynolds stepped down as Chairman at the end of the year. On your behalf I thank Joy for her work in this role where her guidance, vision and enthusiasm have been invaluable. I am pleased that Angela Hare is taking over this important role assisted by Ann Mundler as secretary of this committee.

We have been fortunate to have Mary Prior as our Treasurer for six years. This means that our constitution requires her to step down from Council and this position so we seek a new Treasurer from this May's AGM. If you have some of the skills required please consider whether this is a role you can fill. Mary will be on hand to induct you into this position and give guidance where needed. Mary has been a superb Treasurer ensuring that we have been proper stewards of the funds raised and reserves held. She also combined it with being acting secretary for a year alongside her position as Treasurer. I extend our thanks to Mary for her major contribution to the running of the Friends over the last six years.

I can report that progress is being made on building a new website for the Friends which will be up and running well before our AGM in May. We are indebted to Lowenna Luke, a chorister parent, for doing this. She has also revamped our e-mail system so there are now dedicated addresses to events, membership and secretary as well as info all @ friendsoftrurocathedral.co.uk.





A year ago I expected that I would now be reporting the completion of at least one substantial project funded by the Friends. Unfortunately the rules protecting cathedral buildings together with the demands placed on our relatively new cathedral architect and the cathedral office to address immediate problems, including the roof and changes needed with the advent of the girl choristers last September, have all conspired to push our offer to fund a refurbishment of the public toilets down the list of priorities. I have been assured by the cathedral office that this is now at the top of the items to be addressed. Council continues to be pro-active in seeking and suggesting ideas for projects to assist Chapter as they lead the mission and ministry of the cathedral. I will update members at the AGM which I encourage you to attend.

Finally thank you for your continued support

Chris Barley
Chairman



The Friends' Office

Through the blue door opposite the entrance to the Cathedral Car Park
Open Wednesday mornings 10 – 12
Telephone 01872 274986 with 24 hour answer phone



Friends Speakers Panel

As reported last year we have been in transition for some time between old and new equipment and a subsequent low level of advertisement.

Colin Reid very generously worked to put our Panel forward to be considered for inclusion in the Cornwall Women's Institutes Speakers Directory. Susie Greenslade attended the audition day and gave a terrific short taster of what we offer. We are pleased to say we are now included in the list for the next 3 years at least.

The result of this is that the Panel at present has 10 talks booked between May 2015 and March 2016.

When our panel members give their presentations they are all proud to be seen as a human face of our wonderful Cathedral and we always try to spread the word not only about the Friends but all forthcoming events whether they be Friends, Cathedral Music or other official events listed in the Cathedral Calendar.

We also like to encourage groups to visit the Cathedral to do tours of the actual Building or perhaps just to pop in for lunch on shopping trips in Truro.

Obviously there are other organisations throughout the County who can take advantage of this facility. For example several branches of the Old Cornwall Society have been customers. So, if you have contacts with other societies please mention us. Our wonderful presenters, to whom we are extremely grateful, Eric Dare, Mary Holifield and Susie Greenslade are waiting with beautiful slide presentations.

Mary Prior
Panel Manager

Friends of Truro Cathedral Fundraising Team Report 2016

A cold January evening was brightened up with a Fish and Chip Supper followed by a Cornish Quiz hosted by Alan and Anne Cox. There were 8 teams of 6 people competing for the winners' prizes but none of us realised how little we knew of our beautiful county with some of us begging for a clue to the answer!

In February Corinna Langford, St Petroc's Community Relations Officer, gave 30 of us a talk about the wonderful work the Charity does in our Community. This was followed by tea and cake. Everyone bought numerous raffle tickets and at the end of the afternoon we were able to present her with £103.

The March event was a showing of the film *The Way* and a Talk by Bishop Chris about the Pilgrims' road to Santiago followed by a Spanish themed supper with wine.

Beetle Drives were great fun. There was a lot of competition amongst those playing and if the dice was shaken too hard and rolled on the floor there was lot of shouting and scrabbling about to retrieve it as quickly as possible. Our thanks go to Roberta and Pauline for hosting the event and to Marilyn, and her team, for the delicious tea.

The Film Club had a good selection of films throughout the Winter which catered for all tastes.

Coffee mornings are extremely popular and due to the generosity of those who attend takings for the coffee, raffle and the bring and buy table topped £1,000 last year.



Some 2016 Events

28 April – Visit to St Hilary Church, near Marazion. Ticket price £12.

22 May – Lunch and AGM.

11 July – Annual Boat Trip, departing Penrose Quay at 6.30 pm by bus to The Heron Inn, Malpas, returning to Truro at 10 pm.

Ticket price £16 which includes a pasty.

September – Talk by Andrew Turner about the religious sites he has visited in the Middle East. This will be followed by tea and cakes.

16 October – Autumn Meeting.

November – Coach outing to Exeter. Further details to follow.

2017:

January – Pantomime. Further details to follow.

February – Donna Birrell, Radio Cornwall Religious Correspondent interviewed by the Dean.

Congratulations are extended to Joy Reynolds and Mary Holifield on being awarded the St Piran's Cross by Bishop Tim.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our events and extend my warm thanks to those who support our activities.

Angela Hare
Chair Fund Raising

OUR WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE NOW ACTIVE

Website: friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk
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events@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk
membership@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk
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For those of you who would like to hear from us electronically please let us have your email addresses. If you would also like to receive information about events, arranged by the Cathedral, let us know.



Truro Cathedral Flower Guild

At our November AGM, Pauline Boyd stepped down from her joint responsibilities as interim Chairman, Secretary and Foliage secretary. Pauline had been Foliage secretary for fourteen years and then additionally stepped into the breach to run the Flower Guild when we sadly lost Audrey Henry last summer. We are extremely grateful for all Pauline's efforts to keep everything going at a difficult time.

We are pleased to tell you that Linda McGannity, a Guild member of some seven years standing, is now leading the Guild and is responsible for the purchase and supervision of the arrangement of the flowers each week and for special occasions. Pam Dodd is our new Foliage secretary and Mary Crawford is General Secretary.

We are always in need of the right kind of foliage to go with our flowers. If you, or someone you know, has a garden containing large shrubs please think of us. We have a list of the suitable types of foliage required and would be able to collect by prior arrangement.

Although our number of volunteer members remains constant, we would be very pleased to welcome new people who may wish to join us to arrange flowers on Saturday mornings. We can be flexible with the frequency of attendance and we can offer tuition and lots of support as well as fellowship.

Linda McGannity would be pleased to meet any potential volunteers informally for a pre-arranged chat on a Saturday morning from 09.30 to 10.30am.

For enquiries please contact Elizabeth Stewart – Worship Secretary - in the Cathedral office, in the first instance, and we will get back to you.

With our best wishes

Mary Crawford
General Secretary



Truro Cathedral Servers

We currently have 27 members after the resignation of two servers during the year. Alyn Heath has been both a Server and Lay Assistant for a number of years and has decided to concentrate on his role as a Lay Assistant. He had been a regular server for three years and his contribution will be missed. Anne Marie Rickard has resigned from her employment in The Cathedral Office and moved with her Partner to Tavistock. In recent years Anne Marie has served only on very few occasions but had been a member since 2003 and we thank her for her contributions and wish her well in her new life in Tavistock.


I reported last year that Adam Farmer had resigned as a Server on grounds of ill health and it is extremely sad to report that Adam died on 10th January 2016 – just a few days into his 60th Year. A Service to celebrate and give thanks for his Life took place in the Cathedral on 29th January and a congregation approaching 200 attended. Canon Peter Walker who had got to know Adam from his days at Feock conducted the Service with the Blessing being delivered by the Dean. The Servers' Team was increased to 7 and in addition 4 other Servers were robed in procession. It was a lively Service of which we feel Adam would have approved. Canon Peter's address was perfect for the occasion and gave us all a greater knowledge of all that Adam had achieved in his life despite his handicaps. His greatest joy was to become a Server in the Cathedral and he brought with him great enthusiasm and undoubtedly we were very blessed to have him with us for 7 years. *"Thank You Adam."*

Canon Perran departed for the Isles of Scilly on July 5th and a number of servers went to his installation on the Isles in October. We wish Him and Rainy every success in their new life. Canon Simon Griffiths has been appointed the new Canon Precentor and it was a great privilege to be able to serve at his Installation at Evensong on 31st January 2016. We all wish him a very warm welcome and every success in his time at Truro.

We are all extremely grateful to Jacqueline Davis for the way in which she deals with the preparation of the Monthly and Quarterly Rotas for Members which are very exacting tasks. Thanks also to the Ladies of the Sewing Room who attend to all our requirements with our Cassock Albs.

Our Annual Servers' Practice will take place in February and our Annual Devotional Service in Lent. During the Summer the Servers were by kind invitation of the Dean and Mrs Bush guests at the Deanery where we all enjoyed very generous hospitality as a warm thank you for all that we do at the Cathedral. To ensure all were accommodated the Dean and his wife





organised two such evenings! I think we behaved ourselves as a repeat invitation has followed for this July!

Members are well aware of the privilege we enjoy in being Servers in our glorious Cathedral and we pray that we may continue to fulfil our roles with reverence and dignity. If any person would wish to discuss the possibility of becoming a Server, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Cathedral Clergy, Jacqui or myself.

Peter Hewson

Head Server

Truro Cathedral Sewing Guild

2015 began with the usual round of repairs to embroidery on vestments, hems to be raised or lowered and buttons to be sewn on. A bigger job appeared with the renovation of various vestments for Canon Perran's move to the Isles of Scilly. This took some time as it involved transferring large amounts of braid from one garment to another, hemming etc. but we managed to meet the deadline. Anne Pengelly needed some help with the new stoles for the white set, so we were able to lend a hand with that.

Earlier on we made 6 new cravats for the Choir men and 30 more were requested. These items are labour intensive as, once the basic garment is assembled, it is pleated by hand in six places, tacked and sewn in place. Latterly, we all became so bored with them that it became a case of, *"If you don't toe the line, you will have to pleat the cravats"* We are all relieved that that particular task is now complete.

We have started work on 3 new stoles for our new Curate, Jane Horton. The stoles will be designed by the Guild in consultation with Jane and we are almost ready to start cutting out and sewing the first one. This is an exciting project as the designs are original and involve the co-operation of the whole team. Also in the pipeline is the renovation of some kneelers in St Mary's Aisle and the modification of the spare fair linen to bring it into use.

So far this year we have had a pretty constant supply of work but for a while there was a kink in the supply chain. In case there is anyone who doesn't know: If you have a vestment that you wear in the Cathedral and it needs a repair, please bring it direct to the Cathedral office with a note attached saying what repairs are needed and ask for it to be taken to the sewing room where we will deal with it asap.

The Sewing Guild seems to be moving along nicely and we now have two new members: Dee Gordon Jackson and Pam Dodd, both of whom are proving to be useful additions to the team. We are extremely crowded in the present sewing room and look forward to moving into larger and more suitable accommodation, hopefully, in the not too distant future; It would be so wonderful not to have to reshuffle everyone in order to put up the ironing board or to let someone in or out of the room.

Annie Gooch

Cathedral Sewing Guild

News From The Shop Front

Dear friends the last six months has been very busy. The end of the tourist season finished well and our Christmas shop continued to be popular with locals and visitors alike.

The new year started as we have all know with some very inhospitable weather which has continued far too long but a visit to the Cathedral shop will brighten any dull day.

We have been busy selecting new ranges of merchandise to tempt and excite even the most hesitant shopper. Our new range of locally produced jewellery is both attractive for its looks and its price. We have expanded our range of scarves and accessories to include a stunning range of bags and hats. I have continued to expanded our Fair Trade range of Noah's Arks and toys for that ideal child's gift. We have also introduced a delightful fragranced range including bath bombs and candles amongst other scented items. These are but a few of the highlights on top of our continuing ranges of Bibles, witness jewellery and gifts.

So for the ideal gift for all occasions come on down and visit the Cathedral shop.

James Barker

Shop Manager

Truro Cathedral Guides

Ever thought of becoming a Cathedral Guide? Well now's your chance!

We are looking for friendly, out-going, confident people who would like to volunteer some time to help cover our regular and pre-booked tours of the Cathedral. Our daily tours run from Easter to October, Monday to Thursday at 11am. Other tours are booked on request, any day of year and at a time to suit the visitor. Tours are generally an hour long, but we would only require you to do one or two tours a month when convenient to you.

The Cathedral is known to many as the biggest umbrella in Truro as the weather is a major influence on the number of visitors. On wet days many people end up joining a guided tour to pass the time, not realising how much information and enjoyment they're actually going to get from it. During these times the tours can be quite busy. However, when the sun is out everyone goes to the beach and you can enjoy intimate tours with a few special visitors.

If you would like to share your love of the Cathedral or would like to discover more and share this new information with others from near and far then this is the role for you. No experience necessary as full training is given to the right person(s), after a short interview with Canon Alan Bashforth and a form to complete. You will receive full support for your training on how to be a guide. For more details call 01872 245010 or email events@trurocathedral.org.uk

Emma Pilkington-Wood

Events Assistant



Friends of Truro Cathedral Membership Report 2015-6

I'm pleased to report a steady flow of new members in the last twelve months, more would be welcomed of course, application forms are available from the office and in the Cathedral. In addition the Sunday Eucharist event ticket sellers always have a supply at hand.

Please feel free to tell interested parties that they'd be most welcome and should they want to discuss joining, our office on Wednesday mornings is open to all.

New or returning Members in 2015-6 up to 17th February 2016 (in alphabetical order)

Mr . & Mrs. J. E. Anstis
Mr. & Mrs. J. & M. Archer
Mrs. W. Banwell
Mrs. M. C. Barnard
Mrs. D. A. Beavis
Mrs. J. M. Brewer
Mrs. P. H. Cowan
Miss. L. P. Crowle
Mrs. K. Fletcher-Peters
Miss. P. Follit
Mr. D. A. G. Garside
Miss. R. P. Goodchild
Mr. J. R. D. Hibberd
Mr. & Mrs. M.C. & E.J. Hughes
Mr. M. Martens
Mrs. C. R. O'Keeffe
Mrs. J. E. Staplehurst
Mr. & Mrs. A. Starr
Ms. M. Trevelyan
Ms. P. Wilson

We also offer our condolences to relatives of members who have passed away.

If anyone has any ideas as to how we could increase membership please let me know, we are amenable to new ideas and approaches. We would very much like to reduce our outgoings so if you could let us know your Email addresses, if you have one, we can then send appropriate communications that way. In addition should you want to join the main Cathedral Mailing list of general events and activities, beyond those of the Friends, we'd be pleased to pass your details on at your request.

Christopher Rowe
Membership Secretary

Music at Truro Cathedral

Since I last wrote to you, the big development in terms of our music has been the introduction of girl Choristers to the Cathedral Choir. Seventeen girls, aged 13 to 17, were installed at the Eucharist on Sunday 11th October in a beautiful service at which the boy Choristers handed the girls their white surplices to welcome them into the tradition of which they are



now joint custodians. I must admit to having been quite moved at this historic moment. Our Cathedral Choir dates back to the earliest days of the Cathedral, including the “wooden shed” period from 1880 to 1887. Since then, it has evolved in response to changing circumstances, for example when the Lay Vicars agreed to come in to join the boys for six services each week, rather than three; or when Choral Scholars were introduced. Having girl Choristers is the latest part of this ongoing development and I have tried my best to make it clear to the girls that, as they enter each service in a dignified procession, bow at the altar, turn to face each other and offer

their voices to God, they are upholding and sustaining our choral tradition just as much as the boys whose singing I know the Cathedral community treasures beyond words. They have received overwhelming support and encouragement from our community and I am proud to be at a church that is prepared to innovate in this way when the time is right.

The girls all attend Truro School and it has been a joy to work with the staff there to put in place the comprehensive systems necessary to support young people giving so much of their time to such a specialist activity. Needless to say, we have drawn on our experience working with Polwhele House School, where the boy Choristers (in the younger age range of 8 to 13) continue to be educated and nurtured so incredibly well.



It has been great to be able to introduce a wealth of new music, with our second set of Choristers, and I hope those of you who worship regularly with us are finding that variety enriching at the services. It is a sign of how talented the girls are that I gave them one of the two Nine Lessons and Carols services to sing (the boys singing the other one) in December. You can hear three carols from the girls' service (23rd December) and the entire boys' service (24th December) as webcasts on our Soundcloud page online. It was lovely to have the whole choir family – 17 girls, 18 boys and 12 adults – together for Christmas Day. We will field this full team again for both services on Easter Day.

The boys and adults of the choir have sung concerts in Falmouth and Padstow in October and February, as well as a live BBC Radio 3 broadcast of Evensong in February. They have given premieres of new pieces by Paul Drayton and Paul Comeau, and are preparing to record a CD of music by Spanish and Portuguese Renaissance composers in May (Victoria, Guerrero, Vivanco and Lobo).

A very special project came to fruition with the release of our first DVD in December. This DVD records for posterity the whole story of the Nine Lessons and Carols service, and its Truro origins under Benson in 1880 (long before it travelled to Cambridge). There is a documentary presented by one of the UK's leading carol scholars, Jeremy Summerly, as well as a live DVD



recording of our Nine Lessons service from 23rd December 2014. There is also an audio-only CD of a reconstruction of the music from the first ever Nine Lessons service in 1880. This whole package is available from our Cathedral Shop, as well as the usual online outlets. I hope it will cement Truro's ownership of this service which has travelled all over the world.

Do look out for the Truro Cathedral Choir Facebook page (separate from the Cathedral's main page, but linked to it) where you can see regular (almost daily) updates about all that goes on, publicly and behind the scenes, to maintain our choral tradition.

Christopher Gray
Director of Music

Cathedral Education Department

It has been particularly busy for the Education department recently! This week we have welcomed Truro Prep, St Merryn, Parc Eglos and Troon School. The children have learnt about the different roles of those who work here by dressing up and taking part in a mini procession through the Cathedral. Lots of them have sat in the Cathedra and many have seen if they can spot Truro Cathedral in John Miller's 'Cornubia' painting. Lots of souvenir Bishop, Canon and Chorister finger puppets have gone home with the children too, thanks to the careful cutting out and sewing by our 'Snippers'!

On Wednesday 2nd March, we will have welcomed over 150 children in one day as we prepare for our 'Big Sing' concert. The event will celebrate the formation of the St Piran's Trust bringing together 5 Cornish schools Bishop Bronescombe, Grampound with Creed, Grampound Road, Ladock and Veryan. Alongside his role as Education Assistant and Lay Vicar at Truro Cathedral, Charlie Murray teaches singing with the Cornwall Music Service Trust and has been working as singing teacher for Grampound-with-Creed and Bishop Bronescombe C of E school. During the day alongside their rehearsals, the children will take part in various tours and arts activities. Lizzie Arthur will be running 5 workshops where children will get the chance to see some of the treasures of the cathedral and try on some costumes. Children will also make a collective art installation with Beverly Hulme and we warmly welcome Kirsten Gordon back to help out for the day. The concert will take place that evening and we are delighted to hear that Bishop Tim will be attending!

Lizzie Arthur
Acting Education Officer



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Manager, Marilyn Trevelyan

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e-mail MarilynTrevelyan@trurocathedral.org.uk



Truro Cathedral Company Of Ringers

Over the last year we have rung for both the Eucharist and Evensong services. We are not always able to ring all twelve of the bells but if not we ring with the numbers that are present. There are a number of ringers that come in to join us from the parishes when they are not ringing at their own towers.

We are at the present time in the process of teaching some new recruits, and hope that soon they will be joining us to ring on Sundays. It is also hoped that we can approach some of the schools in Truro to see if any interest can be generated there with perhaps Lizzie our Education Officer and myself going along to tell them what is involved to become a ringer. There were four weddings that we rang for during the year and there will be a similar number for this forthcoming year at the moment.

You probably hear the bells ringing for several hours a few times during the year, these are full peal attempts which last for around three and a half hours. We had five of them this last year with visiting ringers coming from all over the country to enjoy our fine bells.

Also last September we had a tower open day which was a great success with lots of people coming to see what we do up in the tower. There were several things going on in the Cathedral including Handbell and handchime ringing, and also a display on the history of bellringing as well as an area for the children run by Lizzie our education officer who by the way has also learnt to ring.

We were very pleased to have been able to ring a quarter peal for the installation of Canon Simon our new Canon Precentor for evensong at the end of January.

Also last year we had a Truro ringers dinner held in the Cathedral Restaurant with lots of ringers from around Cornwall as well as visitors from Oxford, Staffordshire and Devon, around forty six guests sitting down to a sumptuous meal, with many thanks to Marilyn and her staff.

Well along with Sunday ringing, various practices and visitors to ring and see our tower I think that we have had quite a busy year.

John Davis
Ringing Master

The Guild of Lay Assistants

The most significant change for us this year has been the departure of our Chairman, Perran Gay, to become Chaplain to the Isles of Scilly. We made sure that he had a bobble hat to protect him from the weather and he has most certainly needed it as he clings to his granite outcrop 28 miles offshore out in the Atlantic . He was hoping to do a little birdwatching on his days off but I fear that they will have shot past in a cloud of spray and a blur of feather and beak in this winter's gales.

Our new Chairman, Simon Griffiths, has only just arrived at the time I write this and we welcome him most warmly and look forward to initiating him into the strange and esoteric peculiarities and customs associated with our Guild.

We hear that Simon has a dog and one of the most popular of the Christmas services is the last one – the Children and Pets Carol Service. This year we were almost overwhelmed by the number who came with all sorts of animals. Cats, dogs, rabbits, furry rodents, feathered creatures and, I believe a stick insect or maybe there were two or even more - it is not easy to spot them. But mainly, this year, there were dogs. Big ones, small ones, thin ones, fat ones, noisy ones and quiet ones. Some with electrically illuminated coats and others with antlers, which is confusing, and there was a huge Irish Deer Hound which fortunately seemed to have been well fed before it arrived and I made sure that it was not one of mine from whom to take a collection !

Lord knows that it is a varied life being a Lay Assistant.

Mark Evans

Warden to the Lay Assistants

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an extra 25% to the Friends.**

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subscription, please fill in the appropriate form.**

**These are available from the Friends' Office opposite
the entrance to the Cathedral car park.**

Thank you.

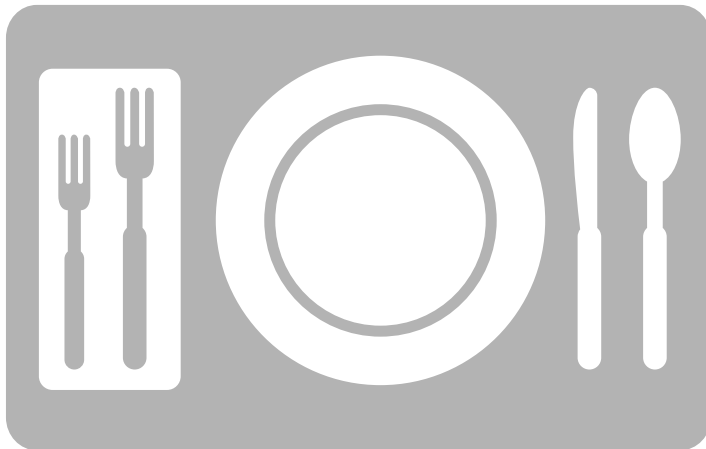
Truro Cathedral Restaurant

The Restaurant was extremely busy over the Christmas and New Year period and we lost count of how many turkey lunches with Christmas pudding we served! In addition to this we once again produced and sold our own Christmas Pudding – the demand increases every year. Our four day break was I think well deserved and much appreciated.

We enjoy plenty of local support and City Organisations continue to use us on a regular basis with dinners and other events. The monthly Sunday roasts are very well attended as are the “Specials” such as Mothering Sunday, St Piran’s Day and Easter Sunday. We are planning a further Barn Dance on Saturday 7th May when “The Other Band” will once again be providing the music and calling the steps – there is always a small degree of chaos. Tickets for this event cost £5 and are available from the Restaurant. During the winter months we’ve also played host to the Friends Beetle Drives- fast, furious and sometimes quite noisy but everyone enjoys settling down to afternoon tea at the end of the drive.

So please pop in and see the Restaurant for yourself and sample some of the excellent food created by Andy Stephens our talented Chef and his assistant Anna Parkes

Marilyn Trevelyan
Restaurant Manager





THE FRIENDS OF
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FRIENDS FESTIVAL DAY AND AGM

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2016 – 12NOON

Application form for Lunch

MENU

Sherry or soft drink on arrival

Roast Beef

Roast Chicken

Stuffed courgette

Lemon Meringue Pie

Steamed Treacle Pudding and custard

Profiteroles

Tea and Coffee

Cost £15.50 per person

Name
Address
Tel. No

Lunch Choice

Beef
Chicken
Stuffed courgette

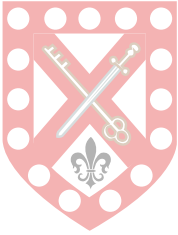
Pudding choice

Lemon Meringue
Treacle Pudding
Profiteroles

I/we enclose cheque (payable to The Friends of Truro Cathedral) or cash to the value of £

Please return completed forms to The Secretary to the Friends c/o The Friends Office 14, St Mary Street, Truro TR1 2AF by Friday 13th May.

An S.A.E. for the tickets is appreciated but not essential.



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BOOKING FORM

NAME
and
ADDRESS

TEL No.

I/We should like to book the following tickets:-

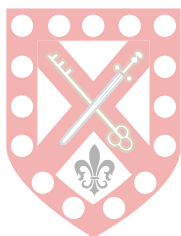
EVENT	PRICE	QTY	DATE	COST
	TOTAL			

I/We enclose cheque, payable to The Friends of Truro Cathedral,
or cash for

£

Please return this completed form with your payment to:
The Friends Office 14, St Mary Street, Truro TR1 2AF
Tel. No. 01872 274986

An S.A.E. is appreciated but not essential.



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NOMINATION FORM

I have pleasure in nominating

For the position of
CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY/TREASURER/MEMBER OF COUNCIL
(indicate as appropriate)

Signature

Print name

I am happy to second this nomination

Signature

Print name

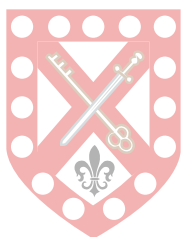
I am willing to accept
this nomination for the position of

Signature

Print name

Please return this completed form to The Secretary of the Friends
c/o The Friends Office 14, St Mary Street, Truro TR1 2AF
by **Friday 6th May 2016**

An S.A.E. is appreciated but not essential.



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LEAVING A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL

The Friends have benefited greatly from those who have continued their giving by leaving a legacy in their Will. These gifts range from specific sums to a share in the Estate once other gifts have been made. If you are reviewing your Will, or making a Will for the first time, could you include a gift to the Friends. Any gift received will allow us to continue the support of the Fabric, Ministry and Life of our wonderful Cathedral.

A possible form of words for such bequest:

I bequeath to the Friends of Truro Cathedral of 14 S.t Mary's Street, Truro TR1 2AF registered Charity Number 1075211 the sum of £..... (for a specific sum) or the residue (or a share of the residue) of my Estate.

Friends Autumn Meeting

Sunday 16th October

The Autumn Meeting starts with the 10am Eucharist after which we shall be able to enjoy a relaxed Sunday Lunch in the Chapter House. Our speaker for the afternoon, Royal visits permitting, will be our Patron the Lord Lieutenant. There is, by tradition, no formal business at this meeting but there will be time for informal chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit at the end of the afternoon. So pop this date in your diary now!

