



THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL

NEWS

SEPT 2015

Friend's Autumn Meeting

10am Eucharist

**12 noon lunch in the
Chapter House**

MENU

Mulled Wine or soft drink on arrival

Roast Beef

Roast Chicken

Mediterranean Vegetable Wellington

Seasonal Vegetables

Saffron Bread and Butter Pudding

Fresh Fruit salad

Clotted Cream

Tea or Coffee

£15

**Ticket application forms for lunch included
in the mailing**

2pm Friends Autumn Meeting

**THE DEAN will talk about
THE CHAPTER'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

3.15 Tea and Biscuits



TRURO CATHEDRAL FLOWER GUILD

It was with enormous sadness that the Cathedral family learnt of the death of Audrey Henry who had organized the Flower Guild for well over 30 years.

At her Memorial/Thanksgiving Service Audrey's "Ladies", as she liked to call them, paid their personal tribute to her in the only way they could by preparing 4 beautiful flower arrangements. The Dean spoke for us all when he said we were all still coming to terms to the gap that Audrey, or Aud as she was affectionately known, had left in our lives and declared that she could even make a fig roll exciting – a reference to her other job as head of refreshments for extra services and events in the Cathedral. We shall miss her infectious giggle.

Pauline Boyd is at present running the Flower Guild and says that new members would be made most welcome so if anyone is interested in finding out more please call Pauline on 01872 272948

Friends Coffee Morning

Come to greet old friends or meet new ones!

Dates:

September 9th

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

January 13th

February 10th

March 9th

April 13th

10am to 11.30am in the Pearson Room
(entrance through the Blue Door opposite the Car Park)

Donations for the Bring and Buy Stall or Raffle
always welcome





PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUTUMN 2015

I don't know if you know the series *The West Wing*. It is a fictionalised account of President Jed Bartlett, played by Martin Sheen, and his team as they deal with all sorts of issues facing his administration. In many respects it's how we want things to be; people with vision and commitment trying to put into practice what they believe in.

There is an alternative series doing the rounds at the moment. In fact it is an adaption of the British TV series, which goes by the same name; *House of Cards*. In it Kevin Spacey's American president, Frank Underwood (a take on the character played by Ian Richardson's British prime minister, Francis Urquhart) displays a more cynical, more Machiavellian approach to power, and perhaps, it could be said, this version probably has more realism about it than the idealised *West Wing* approach.

In many respects these two series are both sides of the same coin: there is a significant institution, in this case the American presidency, which people see and interpret in different ways. It's what happens when people think about things. Of course these fictionalised versions of things tend to paint extremes. The truth often hovers in the middle.

Cathedrals are no different to any other institution in this regard. Many people have many opinions about the Cathedral. I do, as Dean, you do as the reader of this article, people who come to events do, people who come in just to light a candle do, and when we get all these perspectives coming together you sometimes get differences of opinion. That's the way of it.

But different views needn't be poles apart from each other. Sometimes the most creative places are those where different people can express different views imaginatively, and where other people are prepared to listen to them. What binds these differences together are the values which the institution, in this case the Cathedral, are trying to live out. In our case it is the fact that we want to see ourselves as Sacred Space and Common Ground, a place where holiness is found and where everyone is welcome.

Of course there are a multiplicity of ways in trying to realise this, and part of the fun – and I mean fun – of being Dean is working with and listening to others who have different ideas than myself about how this can be done. One of the joys of being here, for instance, is the fact that the Friends of Truro Cathedral are always thinking of new ideas to support the Cathedral's work and have lots of fun on the way. Boat trips, quizzes, panel games (Just a Minute, Would I Lie to You), musical soirees, cinema trips are all things that the Friends have organised over the years to great effect and success. It's all about deepening the quality of life at the Cathedral, and for all their hard work, effort and imagination I am very grateful.

But this can only come about because we are all different. We may not always see eye to eye on everything, but that is precisely the point. We should have the gumption and the humility (and I am speaking as much to myself here as I am to anyone else) to allow other people's ideas and perspectives to penetrate our minds, so we can see that we don't always have the answers, and that others can be just as committed and as imaginative as we take ourselves to be.

So, a big thank you to the Friends. We are all fortunate in having this wonderful group of people who support the common life of the Cathedral in the ways you do, broadening our horizons as you do so. Long may your unflagging energies and great ideas continue!

And I'll leave you with a chance of profiling your Dean: whom do I most resemble, Jed Bartlett or Frank Underwood? Answers on a postcard, please, to the Cathedral office. I will only, of course, accept the right answer!

Roger Bush Dean of Truro Cathedral
president of the friends



Message from the Chairman

As I sit writing this letter to you the dark clouds and torrential rain of the morning have given way to bright sunshine with the temperature rising to the mid 20s (mid 70s Fahrenheit). Good summer weather is, of course, what visitors to Cornwall hope for to spend time outdoors, savour our beautiful scenery and enjoy balmy days on the beach. In Cornwall we are used to changing weather and this summer so far has not been kind to many of our visitors. This has meant that Truro has been busier than usual. I hope the boost in visitor numbers to the Cathedral will have provided a benefit to the “Tile the Aisle” roof appeal launched earlier this summer.

£3.2m is a lot of money for the Cathedral to raise to re-slate but this is the first time this has been needed after the original roofing was built up to 135 years ago. This undertaking will be done in stages over the next few years and work has started on the nave roof. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to help Tile the Nave (the first stage) by donating

and signing a slate as part of the Cathedral's appeal (details on the Cathedral's website or at the back of the nave).

It has been good to learn that Chapter with guidance from the new Cathedral Architect, Izaak Hudson, and Ellen McKessock have been putting together a 10 year plan to address the fabric of the building, improve its facilities and ensure its place as the mother church of the diocese and a home for uplifting worship and church music can continue for the next 100 years. I hope this planning will become a rolling exercise.

In my last letter to you I mentioned the Cathedral's public toilets which are in need of refurbishment and the willingness of the Friends to finance this project. The Cathedral still has to receive quotations for this work which includes a welcome increase in the capacity of the Ladies' facilities. Nevertheless it is envisaged that the necessary work will be completed this autumn after the summer boost to visitor numbers is over.

I am pleased that a strong set of candidates was elected to Council at last May's Annual Meeting and we now have a secretary, Roberta Evans who is familiar with what this role entails. Mary Prior did a sterling job as both Treasurer and Acting Secretary last year and I offer her your thanks for all that she did for your association during that time.

Finally, do come to the our Autumn Meeting and lunch on Sunday 27th September when Dean Roger will unpack his and Chapter's refreshed vision for the Cathedral, its role, activities and challenges that lie ahead. I look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you for your continued support, it is valued and important.

With best wishes,

Chris Barley, Chairman

The Lay Assistants

Writing this in July, it is a bit difficult to contemplate the latter part of the year but it will not be long before we shall be psyching ourselves up for the pre Christmas rush ! Starting with the Hospice Care ‘ Light up a Life’ service on 26th. November, we currently have a list of 17 assorted Carol Services. Each one has its particular charm but the finale is always great fun – Children and Pets Service which this year is planned for 27th. December. We shan't know what to do with ourselves in January !!

We continue to meet all sorts of people and try to answer any number of questions from the easy to the impossible and are constantly surprised – all human life is to be met in the Narthex, believe me. This year, though, we have experienced a “First”. We are quite used to visitors wishing to wander around during services, avid photographers with huge cameras and surreptitious ones with sneaky little ones and those people who, sadly, have an overwhelming need for ‘strong waters’ or ‘funny powders’ . But never have we experienced the attempted theft of a collecting bag before!

The bags are kept at the West End until they are needed for the collection and one was neatly and quietly liberated from the pile and squirrelled away in a carrier bag. However sharp eyes had spotted the move, the empty bag was recovered unharmed and advice given !

As I said last year, there is great variety in the duties of a Lay Assistant.

Mark Evans
warden

News from the Shop Front

Dear friends it gives me great pleasure in presenting the goings on in the Cathedral shop over the last year. The first major change was the change in the management structure. With the departure of my assistant manager it was decided that the existing shop supervisors were more than up to the task of assisting the shop manager. Having taken up the baton they have been doing a sterling job in helping to manage the shop and organising the staff and Volunteers.

During the last year we have also seen a change from our existing tills (over 25 years old) to a new EPOS stock management system. This system allows us to track our stock sales and stock holding thus leading to greater stock control and hopefully profitability. I would at this point like to say how well the volunteers have handled the transition which like all things new has not been without its problems. They have taken to it like a fish to water without complaint and with a lot of patience and for this I thank them. Unfortunately over the past year we have lost some of our most loyal volunteers due to retirement and ill health and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their long years of service. I think we can all agree that none of us is getting any younger and have myself clocked up 17 years this year in charge of the shop.

My final words are a plea to anyone who feels that they could spare a morning or afternoon as a shop volunteer. If you are able to offer your services please contact James, Tamsin or Celia on 01872 275125 or just call into the shop and have a chat.

James Barker
Shop Manager

Truro Cathedral Shop

Our new exciting Cathedral gift range is unlike anything you will see anywhere else.

We have locally produced fudge, biscuits and chocolate all with our stunning Cathedral packaging.

Why not check out our beautiful collection of Cathedral ceramics in distinct designs that will brighten any home and make the ideal gift?

Why not visit our Christmas Shop for a gift with a difference?

View our range of seasonal cards, the annual calendar and wide selection of Nativity sets.

Our cheerful friendly staff are always on hand to help and remember if you are a Friend you are entitled to 10% discount

Winter opening
Monday to Saturday 10 am-4.30pm

"A Gift is for Giving"

REPORT ON FUND-RAISING

Since our Panto in January, we have had a super mixture of events to raise funds for the Cathedral which we all love. We thank everyone who helped to put these events together, and those who came – and we hope to see you at our autumn events too.



In wintery February we were transported to Australia, when Charles Butchart and Michael Tedder talked about their extended trip to Oz, illustrated by many excellent photos of places visited and buildings seen. What an adventure! Thank you Charles and Michael. A lovely tea was enjoyed afterwards.

March brought us a lecture by Viv Hendra, "Picture Truro", which included a fascinating collection of pictures and prints of Truro through the ages. Viv had researched all these works of art, and with his superb delivery, and humorous anecdotes, had the capacity audience quite spellbound. We are enormously grateful to Viv, well known for running the Lander Gallery in Lemon Street Market, and a NADFAS lecturer, for giving us such a wonderful evening – and we are sorry we could not fit in everyone who wanted to come; the Cathedral Restaurant was completely full!

The Dean and Lois Bush very kindly invited us to their home for a delightful evening of music and feasting in June. Amidst lovely quiches, salads and strawberries, elderflower presse and wine, we enjoyed songs from Ellen McKessock, accompanied on the guitar; and later on, clarinet music played by Robert Preston, with piano accompaniment. A perfect summer's evening!





And then it was Boat Trip time again, and once again the sun shone, and the boat was full, and we made it to St Mawes and back with much merriment and laughter, and we promised the captain that we would be back again next year!



Lots of things to look forward to in the autumn – Beetle Drives and Film Club start up again, so hope to see you again at those. Tea and tour at Trelowarren in September; the panel game “Would I lie to you?” in October, in the Cathedral Restaurant, starring several well-known locals; and a talk about some of the fascinating things Michael Swift has discovered in Brittany, followed by tea, in November. All the details are available in the Cathedral on the notice board, and in the Friends Office, and in the bi-monthly Cathedral News. We hope very much that you will be able to join us for some (or all) of these events. Many of you live too far away, we know, but we hope you enjoy hearing about what we do – we have raised quite a lot of money this year, which we hope will help with repairs to the sound systems in the Cathedral, and with refurbishment of the toilets, both of which are in urgent need of attention. So our fund-raising, together with your membership fees, is much appreciated by the Cathedral Chapter.

Thank you for being a Friend.

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Registered Charity No.1072511

Entrance through the Blue Door opposite the Cathedral car park

Open every Wednesday morning 10 -12 am for general enquiries, the purchase of tickets and for signing up to join the Friends. Also feel free to pop in for a cup of coffee and a chat.

Friends of Truro Cathedral Membership Update – August 2015

I'm pleased to welcome

**Mr. & Mrs. A. Starr,
Miss. L. P. Crowle,
Ms. M. Trevelyan,
Mr. & Mrs. M.C. & E.J. Hughes ,
Mr. J. R. D. Hibberd ,
Mr. D. A. G. Garside,
Mr. D. A. Beavis
and Mr. M. Martens**

as new members of the Friends.

They have joined since the report issued in the Annual Newsletter.

I'd like to see more, so please encourage others who are active supporters of the Cathedral and its mission to make enquiries and join us.

I enjoy staffing the office on a Wednesday morning along with the ticket sellers, should you be in the City and want a chat, please call in. It's always useful to pick up news of new events and Cathedral News that way.

We are keen to hear from Members, should you have any ideas as to how we could grow our membership further please let me know.

Christopher Rowe
Membership Secretary.



Speaker's Panel Report

As previously reported, during the last year we have upgraded the equipment used by our Panel of Speakers and created new or amended old presentations. Throughout this period we have not been to as many events as we would normally expect to do. Hopefully with your help and the help of the wonderful and generous Colin Reid in the Cathedral Office we can now get back on course.

So, if you belong to organisations that are looking for Speakers for their next years programme please think of us.

Currently we give presentations which equate to a guided tour of the Cathedral. It would be good to extend our Range of talks. For example special talks on the stained glass windows or maybe the sculptures. If there is anyone out there who is interested in this please get in touch. You will get the chance to increase your own knowledge and get help in creating a presentation. Our equipment although sophisticated is easy to use – if I can do it anyone can.

All the presenters tell me how much they enjoy it and most importantly it gives us a chance to take information and the human face of the Cathedral out to the far reaches of Cornwall. Many times groups visited have then come to Truro to do a real tour and enjoy the pleasures the Refectory has to offer.

Thank you so much to all those who have helped in the past.

Mary Prior

Truro Cathedral Restaurant and Coffee Shop

Fresh simple Cornish food using local seasonal ingredients

OPEN

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 4pm

Saturday 9.30am – 4pm

Serving breakfasts until 11am

Morning coffee

Lunches

Afternoon tea

10% discount available for Friends

The Restaurant is available for functions and parties.

Please contact the Restaurant Manager, Marilyn

Trevelyan,

on 01872 245011

or by e-mail:

MarilynTrevelyan@trurocathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Restaurant

The Restaurant continues to attract locals and visitors for coffee lunches and afternoon tea and is a popular meeting place for all especially mothers with young children and “Ladies who lunch”!

Waitress service has removed anxiety for people queuing for their food and wondering where they are going to sit. The sofas have been moved into the main part of the restaurant and customers enjoy relaxing on these with coffee and cake. There have been one or two staff changes but Andy Stephens our talented Chef and his assistant Anna Parkes continues to produce many tempting dishes.

Regular Sunday lunches are well attended (check website for details) and the Friends will be starting their Beetle Drives in September (details elsewhere in this publication) and on the 9th October there will be a Barn Dance with the locally popular “The Other Band”. Tickets for these events available from the Restaurant.

We look forward to seeing you and can assure you of a warm welcome.

Marilyn Trevelyan
Restaurant Manager

Views of Truro Cathedral: Past and Present.

By John James.

A neat little book of photographs collated from John's personal collection and published by him.

Not every picture is of the Cathedral itself but one is impressed by the apparent permanence of Pearson's magnificent building, seen from all sorts of angles and vistas, whilst the City rearranges itself around it with more than a few surprises.

John has generously gifted all sale proceeds to the Cathedral and therefore no Friend should be without a copy and neither should anyone else! Readily obtainable from The Cathedral Shop at a very modest £3. Recommended.

Treasurer's Report Autumn 2015

Since our Spring Newsletter the Fund Raising Committee have done marvels producing several profit making events which needless to say were also very enjoyable for those of us able to attend.

In addition to this our gift aid claim for the year 6th April 2014 to 5th April 2015 has produced £1091 and we have received a small but very welcome legacy of £100 and a donation of £50. Legacies and donations however small are always much appreciated.

Looking as always to get maximum value from moneys received from members we have now changed our telephone and internet arrangements with the result that we should save £200 over the next year and £100 per annum thereafter.

At the last Council Meeting in July it was agreed that we should increase our grant to the Flower Guild from £850 to £1100 per annum and at the next Meeting we will be looking at other regular grants that we make with a view to possible increase as for various reasons everything costs so much more nowadays.

At the end of our Film Club season calculations showed that we had made £259.12 "profit" and in accordance with our arrangements with Chapter this amount was paid to them as rent for use of the Pearson Room. We are now looking for subscriptions for the forthcoming season of films and with the improvement in the equipment we are sure this will prove popular again.

Mary Prior
Honorary Treasurer

thank you

To Keith Sparrow for putting together this News Letter.

To Tony Northcott for his continued expertise with our posters, fliers and tickets.

To the Cathedral Office for coping with all our printing requests.

To all who run the Friends Office so efficiently

To the Vergers for their support and help.

To the Coffee Morning team.

After voting in new members at the Annual General Meeting in May Friends Council is as follows

Mr. Chris Barley – *Chairman*

Mr. Peter Hewson – *Vice Chairman*

Mrs Roberta Evans – *Secretary*

Miss Mary Prior – *Treasurer*

Mr. Christopher Rowe – *Membership Secretary*

Rev'd Canon Alan Bashforth – *Chapter*

Mr. Mark Evans

Mr. Ian Hare

Mr. David Lansdowne

Mr. John Sampson

Mr. Adam Starr

Friends 10% discount

Please note that in order to claim your Friends 10% offer in the Cathedral Shop and Restaurant you may be asked to produce your membership card.

We are sorry about this but it appears that non-members and maybe lapsed members are claiming. If you do not have a membership card or have lost yours please contact the Membership Secretary who will be very pleased to send you a new one.

Friends Annual General Meeting

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2016

We hope the speaker will be Mr Graham Brack of Reeds the Chemist, Truro

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Why is Truro Cathedral a Special Place?

Thousands of children join our Learning team to consider this question each year. We are constantly reminded of the awe and wonder this beautiful building inspires in the hearts of our youngest visitors, many of whom are taking their first steps inside. Yet it is most definitely the people, as much as the building itself, who make it as special as it is.

Many happy hours are spent with school groups dressing up as Choristers and Canons (and occasionally Pearson and Bishop Benson make an appearance!), exploring the hard work and faith of people throughout the Cathedral's history up to the present day. And visitors throughout the holidays will be able to benefit from the hard work of another special group of people: our Snippers Club, who spend one morning a week chopping, snipping and sewing in order to keep our 'Messy Table' stocked with interesting things to make and do – all inspired by our unique surroundings.

We are very happy to welcome Lizzie Arthur back to the Learning Team. She will be filling the role of Education Officer while Kirsten Gordon is away on maternity leave. She will be involved in several exciting projects, such as the Bells Open Day on 12th September, three 'Big Sing' workshop and concert days for schools, and a fresh exhibition of work by Falmouth University's BA Contemporary Crafts students early next year. Not forgetting of course our contribution to the MU Fun Day on 20th August, which we are sure will be a great success as in previous years.



This Summer, you will find children's activities taking place four days a week. Activities such as these would not be possible without the support of volunteers, so if you would like to assist us with the supervision of these activities or our formal school workshops, do get in touch with the Cathedral Office to receive more information on the voluntary roles available with the Education department.

Children's Church

'Our prayer is public and for all and when we pray, we pray not for a single person, but for the whole people, because we are all one.'

In Children's Church at Truro Cathedral we follow 'All Sorts Worship' by Claire Benton-Evans, which covers services for every Sunday of the Common Worship Year A, B and C, which means that we (*that is those attending Children's Church*) follow the same lectionary and liturgy as do our family and friends.

We hope that by doing this we are giving the children an experience of real shared worship and a sense of belonging. A sort of hands-on practicality of messy church by a child-centred spirituality and reflective storytelling of Godly Play.

The children return, *at the offertory*, with their symbols of the worship that they have experienced. They then return to their family to share together in the Eucharist. Claire, when devising her All-sorts Worship says: *'Through these years of shared debate, experiment and exploration, I found myself returning again and again to my daughter's question: 'What is church for? What's the point of it?''*

This question goes to the heart of why we do what we do on a Sunday morning – and on the other six days of the week. Rowan Williams describes the church like this: *'...the Church is first of all a kind of space cleared by God through Jesus in which people may become what God made them to be (God's sons and daughters), and that what we have to do about the Church is not first to organise it as a society but to inhabit it as a climate or landscape. It is a place where we can see properly – God, God's creation, ourselves.'*

Children's Church aims to create that space for our children.

Pauline Sansom

Truro Cathedral Company Of Ringers 2015

Our present Company of Ringers number around seventeen with another twelve who are more associate members and only ring occasionally with us.

We ring twice on a Sunday, at 9.30am for the Eucharist, and at 3.30pm for Evensong. Practice night is on a Tuesday at 7.30pm where we are sometimes joined by other ringers from various parts of Cornwall and further afield. We also have a Twelve bell practice once a month, this being open to ringers who wish to try their hand on higher numbers of bells.

The Cathedral also has a number of weddings each year some of whom require the bells to be rung, and this year we have been asked to ring on three occasions.

Also we have six peal attempts per year where ringing teams come from all over the country to ring on these lovely bells. Since the bells have been augmented there have been nine peals on the twelve, and we are completely booked up until the end of 2016 at the present time.

Many people tell me how much they enjoy hearing the bells being rung. On September 12th we are having a tower open day at the Cathedral, when people will be able to come and if able, climb the tower steps to the ringing chamber to see the bells being rung and hear a little bit about them. There will be a chance to have a go, (under supervision) and perhaps if interested learn to ring. Also there will be other ringing activities going on in the Cathedral including a Mini Ring of bells, Handbells, and several stalls with people talking and demonstrating various things about ringing. So do all come along and see us.

Each Sunday morning before we ring a member of the Chapter comes up into the ringing chamber and leads us in prayer. We also have an AGM each year for election of officers and business, and this is normally chaired by the Canon Precentor. The Dean is our President.

This year we held a Truro ringers dinner in the Cathedral Restaurant with forty five people present, a lovely evening was had by all.

John Davis (Ringing Master)
