



THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL

Annual Report - May 2022

Dear all,



It is both a relief and a pleasure to write this report, a relief because it does appear that the constraints of the last two years are beginning to be accommodated (although at the time of writing, Covid cases in Cornwall are on the rise again), and a pleasure because all of us are re-discovering the joys of being together, something that has been, in varying degrees, denied us in that time. Now, we can look forward with a bit more confidence to planning events and activities that gives the Friends of Truro Cathedral a very good name. The clue is in the title: we are friends, and friends are people who are both drawn together because of a shared interest, but also enjoy being together because of the different perspectives and characteristics that each of us brings to our enterprise. We are not colleagues, by which I mean people who are drawn together for a certain purpose but whose involvement in that purpose need not necessarily involve a personal commitment to each other. Colleagues may well have an interest and a concern for each other, but they tend to be limited to a certain level of relationship. Friends go beyond that level; they not only have that interest and concern, but also actively seek each other's welfare; if one is hurt or upset, the whole group feels it.

All of this is a roundabout way of saying that friendship is deeply personal, and it cannot express itself fully by Zoom meetings and texting. Friends physically need to be in the same space as each other, to pick up all those non-verbal signals that indicate a state of wellbeing – we know when something is right or wrong – and can offer, in a silent smile or a warm look, that sympathy which can mean so much. And friends know they are there for each other. I can offer that sympathy one day, and I could well need it the next, and I know my friends are there for me when I need them.

Of course, friends are what Jesus calls his disciples in St John's Gospel. Now I know that the Church is stressing our discipleship these days; we all have to be disciples of Jesus Christ. But I do have a slight problem with that word in that it can be, in certain interpretations, quite singular; I talk about *my* discipleship, how *I* relate to Jesus, and so on. I do realise that this doesn't mean that this takes priority over how I care for each other. But Jesus calls his followers his friends. Whereas 'disciple' has the connotation of student or pupil, in which the master dispenses wisdom to the pupil in a one-way process, the Greek word used for friend – *philos* – means that there is a reciprocity in the relationship, a two-way relationship, if you like, in which there is no superior or inferior, but both are equal.

This is what Jesus encourages us to be, friends and not just disciples. And so we are properly named, the *Friends* of Truro Cathedral, which means, of course, everyone associated with the cathedral. In doing the things we do, we try and become the people God wants us to be. Of course, I am not naïve enough to believe that everything is always going to go swimmingly well between friends – friends have to be honest with each other as well as nice – but at least we have the emphasis right. So, let us enjoy resuming the activities of being the Friends, and let us not forget Jesus' commandment in doing so. You are my friends

With every blessing.

Dean Roger.

President of Friends of Truro Cathedral

FRIENDS Annual General Meeting
Sunday 22nd May 2022, 2.00pm
In Assembly Room in Old Cathedral School

Agenda for AGM

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of AGM 25th July 2021 (see Accounts leaflet)

Chairman's Report

Presentation Of Accounts for 2021

Review of level of Subscription Charges

Election of Officers

2.30pm - Talk by Dean Roger Bush

(President of Friends of Truro Cathedral)

3.15pm – Coffee and Cake

4.00pm – Choral Evensong

2 council members will retire at this AGM, Mark Evans and John Sansom, and we thank them very much for their generosity of time and enthusiasm over the last 7 years

The Secretary has come to the end of a term of three years and is available for nomination for a further term of 3 years.

Please can anyone who wishes to nominate a new member for the Council or to nominate a member for the position of Secretary please leave a message on the Office telephone and the necessary form will be sent to you.

Friends need Friends

Now that we are no longer in 'lockdown' and looking forward to resuming some sort of normal life, what better way than to join the Friends of Truro Cathedral and be a part of our network of caring for our beautiful Cathedral and for each other.

During the past year, and despite everything, we are really pleased that we have still been able to welcome new members. This is really good news and we hope these members will be able to enjoy the fellowship and fun we offer if they are able and local enough to do so. As you will have heard we now have a new and exciting programme of events prepared for the summer, so please sign up for these and encourage your non-member friends and neighbours to join us as well- all are welcome.

Just a reminder for those of you who pay your subscription in cash annually. This method of payment has been difficult to monitor and collect during the past two years and because of this we suggest that it might be more convenient for you to pay by standing order. If this is the case, I will be more than pleased to help you to create a standing order which means that you will no longer have to worry about when and how you pay.

Whilst on the subject of subscriptions, one other thing to note. If for any reason you are no longer a tax payer, but you have gift aided your subscription in the past, please let us know so that we do not inadvertently claim back the tax.

So thankfully, the time has come when we can once again do all we can to support our cathedral. There are all sorts of ways to do this, but supporting through donations to the Friends ensures that the money goes straight to the heart of the matter and where it is most needed.

Thank you all for your loyalty and support. Please take care and continue to stay safe.

Pam Miller
Membership Secretary
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FUNDRAISING REPORT – APRIL 2022

It gives me great pleasure to announce that, with the lifting of covid restrictions, the Social and Fundraising Team have now launched an exciting programme of events in addition to our regular coffee mornings on the second Wednesday of every month. Please see details below.

On Monday 27 June there will be a strawberry cream tea in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the 90th Anniversary of the founding of The Friends in 1932. The event will take place in the Chapter House Restaurant at 2pm concluding at approximately 5pm. There will be a short programme of light-hearted readings interspersed with piano music followed by a strawberry cream tea. There will be a celebration cake which will be cut by our special guest, **Andrew Williams, the High Sheriff of the Duchy of Cornwall**. A sparkling drink will be served with the cake. Raffle tickets will be on sale. **Ticket price: £15. It is anticipated that this will be a very popular event so please book early to avoid disappointment.**



Our annual River Cruise will be on the evening of Friday 15 July where we'll cruise the Creeks which will include Ruan, Pill, Cowlands and Coombe. There is a bar on board and toilet facilities. Moyana will depart from Truro Town Quay at 6.30pm and return to Truro Town Quay at approximately 8.30pm. There will be the usual exciting raffle and passengers are welcome to bring their own food and drink but the ticket price of £20 (children 5-15 - £10) will include a pasty. Please remember to indicate your choice of pasty (gluten free, vegetable, traditional, cheese or steak) when booking.



On Thursday 6 October at 3-5pm we'll be holding the ever popular Beetle Drive which will take place in the Assembly Hall of the Old Cathedral School. The ticket price of £5 will include a hot drink and a biscuit. There will be the usual raffle. Do come along as it is good fun but don't let the dice roll on the floor as time is of the essence!

Talking to Patients at Broadmoor. Richard Lingham has kindly offered to talk to the Friends about his experiences as an official visitor to Broadmoor Hospital where he had regular contact with patients such as Peter Sutcliffe and Ronnie Kray. The event will commence at 7pm and finish at 9pm and will take place on **Friday 4 November** in the Assembly Hall of the Old Cathedral School. The ticket price of £15 will include a drink and nibbles before the talk and further drinks can be purchased at an additional cost of £2 a glass.

Tickets for the strawberry cream tea and the river cruise will be on sale from Wednesday 11 May (coffee morning) and in the Cathedral after the Sunday Eucharist. Tickets for the Beetle Drive and Talk will be available at the beginning of September. You can reserve a ticket for these events by leaving a message on the Friends telephone 01872 274986 and we will call you back as soon as possible or by emailing:

info@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk or
events@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk

Details of all the above events are on the Friends website:

www.friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Members for their continued support and to also thank my team for arranging such a diverse schedule of activities which we hope will appeal to all.

Angela Hare

Chair Social and Fundraising Committee

April 2022

When Friends meet, hearts warm

Message from Chairman

It's certainly been a roller coaster of generally bad news over the last 2 years; the pandemic, war, fuel prices, the cost of the standard of living. It makes you wonder what could possibly be next? Well, what have we got to look forward too?

We live in Cornwall and summer will soon be upon us- warmer weather, enjoying the stunning countryside and coast, going to the beach, swimming in the sea, barbeques, maybe friends and family visiting from upcountry and of course, our beautiful cathedral.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Easter. Easter comes during spring and celebrates new life through the resurrection of Jesus. Also associated with this time is the Green Man who symbolises the cycle of birth, death and rebirth. He is a pagan figure who heralds spring after a long winter and the renewal of lush vegetation.

The Green Man is found in many forms throughout history. He is to be found in many different guises but the common feature is the face covered by foliage, very often sprouting from his mouth.

He is often found carved in wood and stone, staring down at us in churches and cathedrals. Some people believe he was put there as a bridge between the new beliefs of Christianity and the Pagan beliefs it replaced. Evidence for this cross-over of religions could be assumed by the siting of Christian churches at the sites of pagan sacred sites.

The Green Man has always been around us, the first recorded references to him go back to the second century but his origins are lost way back in time. He is connected with Robin Hood who is linked to the Horned God, Cernunnos. The horned element is telling, as the horns were symbolic of enlightenment or illumination, just as Moses is often depicted with horns. Other connections are to be found with Robin Goodfellow (Puck) and the Egyptian God Osiris.

After much searching and with a little help I have managed to find 12 Green Men in Truro cathedral. How many can you find?

Adam Starr, Chairman of Friends of Truro Cathedral

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The birthing pains of a Cathedral.

“Where are my spires? Has anyone seen them?”

I know I was promised spires!”



“That’s better. Don’t I look good?”

This year we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Friends of Truro Cathedral which was formed in 1932