



THE FRIENDS OF
TRURO CATHEDRAL

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WELCOME TO THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL SPRING NEWS 2018

Some important information

We are once again using “**Tear Out Application Forms**” at the end of this publication instead of separate fliers. 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 member of Council will be retiring – *Roberta Evans*.

As a result, there will be a vacancy for a Secretary to the Council.

Nomination forms must be returned to the Secretary by 11th May.

“Tear out” nomination forms are available at the back of this publication.

AGM LUNCHEON MENU

Buffet Lunch

Carvery

Vegetarian Option

Seasonal vegetables

Choice of Puddings.

Tea and Coffee

£14 per person

Please complete the Lunch Booking form at the back of this publication. Menu choices are not required but please notify if you require the vegetarian option or have other dietary requirements. Seating capacity 80 so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available:-

By post

At coffee after the Sunday Eucharist

From the Friends' Office on Wednesday mornings 10 -12 noon

Please note we shall start serving lunch at 12 noon prompt

Important notice:- We are very fortunate to have as our guest Speaker this year Mr. Joseph Wicks our new Assistant Director of Music. I have promised Joseph that he will be finished by 3.30 so that he may prepare for Evensong. To ensure this we must **start lunch promptly at 12** and the AGM will then **start promptly at 1.45**. Tea and coffee at the end of luncheon will be served in disposable cups so that Friends can take these with them to the “meeting area”. Joseph will begin his talk at 2.45pm. I'm sure the Secretary will gently nag you on the day!

FRIENDS AGM AND FESTIVAL DAY

SUNDAY 20th MAY 2018

Programme

10am Sung Eucharist

12pm Lunch in the Chapter House

1.45pm AGM

Agenda

Opening prayer

Apologies for absence

Minutes of AGM on Sunday 21st May 2017

Matters arising

President's Report

Chairman's Report

Presentation of Accounts for 2017

Election of Officers

Closing Prayer

2.45pm

Talk by Joseph Wicks – Assistant Director of Music

3.30pm

Tea and Biscuits

4pm

Choral Evensong



A message from the President of the Friends Roger Bush Dean of Truro

You may be aware that earlier in the year a cathedrals' working group, commissioned by the archbishop of Canterbury, delivered its report on the governance of cathedrals. This was prompted by the rather damaging investigations into the problems at both Peterborough and Exeter cathedrals in recent years. The report made 65 recommendations altogether (or lxxv recommendations, as they used Roman numerals for the numbering), nearly all of them to do with governance, management and finance, and, it has to be said, that the significant majority of them made perfect sense. At the time of writing, these haven't become firm proposals, but I hope to reassure you that this cathedral is already on the journey of making our governance and management fitter for purpose, recognising, as we do, that we need proper systems to make sure we do our jobs properly.

What gets left out of the reporting when anything like this is published is all the good things the report has to say about cathedrals. And there are plenty of things to say on this front. Cathedrals are symbols of hope in our major towns and cities, they are open and responsive to community needs, they are centres of liturgical and musical excellence, they are theologically imaginative, and so on. But one thing struck me as I read the report, and that is that cathedrals were described as being palimpsests.

Now a palimpsest is usually a piece of writing material over which further materials and writings have been added, producing a multi-layered parchment that often conceals centuries of different stories and interpretations of stories. Applying that to cathedrals makes perfect sense to me, as I often, as you know, get my inspiration from the past!

In some respects, it is easier to see how the centuries' old cathedrals can be palimpsests: at different times they were, and are different things; monasteries, shrines, seats of bishops, major churches, places of pilgrimage, and so on. All of these things add a layer to the bricks and

mortar, giving them multi-faceted meanings and purposes.

Truro is only 130 years-old or so. But we are a palimpsest too. Firstly, we do have a history, the history of the people who have worshipped here over the last four generations, each of them adding a layer of meaning to the place (people still talk about, as they should, former organists and their impact upon them and their forbears); but we are also a palimpsest in the way that different people see the building. It is the same arrangement of stones, but people use it as a worship centre, somewhere to visit on a rainy day, a place to get a good meal, a place to listen to glorious music, and so on. In fact, in our culture there is nothing quite like a cathedral to meet so many people's needs and to answer their dreams.

The responsibility we have for the cathedral, therefore, is very weighty, and that is why we, especially the Chapter, must try and get its governance right. But we all share in that responsibility, because we are all people of the cathedral; it belongs to no-one person or group, and we consequently all share in the delivery of the cathedral's mission, to make it, not just an architectural masterpiece, but a living palimpsest for all to enjoy and gain meaning from.

Thank you for all you do to make this happen.

Dean Roger.

A message from the Chairman of the Friends Canon Alan Bashforth



Dear all,

Through the years of my growing up, and increasingly now growing older, I have been subjected to the wonder and wisdom of sayings of my South Yorkshire relatives. There are many of them (sayings rather than relatives) and I will not use up all of my stock now - as they often work well as excellent sermon fodder.

I will though offer you two – only one of which is fairly irredeemably sexist - but not perhaps in the way you might expect. They are ‘everything comes to him who waits’ and the slightly dodgier ‘patience is a virtue, possess it if you can, always in a woman and never in a man’. Both of them, in their own way, extol the virtue of patience, little of which I could have had as a child as these things were said to me so often by the aforementioned relatives. I bring them in the introduction of this brief message, in the knowledge that patience has been a much-needed virtue amongst the Friends in times past, as they have hoped for many a long year, that before Jesus returns and all is made well with the world, the Cathedral will finally get new and much improved toilet facilities.

WELL THE WAIT IS OVER!

By that I am not hinting that the Parousia has begun - but the work on the toilets certainly has - evidenced at this stage by the appearance of the temporary loos in the Cathedral car park with more work to come probably running on until May. This piece of fulfilment would of course have not been in any sense possible were it not for the generosity of the Friends and their benefactors as the whole project is being funded by a gift from the Friends to the wider Cathedral community. As your Chairman I am very proud of that – as a member of the Cathedral Chapter I am immensely grateful.

As we continue in life as custodians of the Holy ground encompassed by our beautiful building, new toilets are still only a part of what still remains to be changed and renewed, and I continue to be both delighted and impressed at the work of those who are ever inventive in providing opportunities for both fun and fundraising. ‘Flushed’ with success as we are at this new development there is always more to do in changing our world and our community and the opportunities for the mission of the church that caring for Truro Cathedral offers. My continued thanks to you for being a part of that – we would struggle to do it without you.

With every good wish and every blessing.

Canon Alan
Chairman Friends of Truro Cathedral

Truro Cathedral Servers Head Server's Report

Last year I reported to you that Beverly Hulme had taken over the responsibilities of preparing Servers' Rotas both quarterly and monthly and also providing additional Servers for Funerals and other one off Services.

I am very glad to report that at our AGM –held in November each year - she decided to remain in Office and unsurprisingly was unanimously re-elected. She has done a remarkable and particularly efficient job in sometimes more than difficult circumstances and our thanks go out to her.

Both she and I work closely with Sally Stephens who is responsible for the preparation of the Quarterly Communion Assistants' Rotas as a large number of servers are also Communion Assistants and Vice Versa. This seems to operate well and we are both delighted with Sally's involvement and her time with this work.

Tony Robathan has served in this Cathedral since 2001 but last year substantially withdrew to look after his wife, Nancy, who has sadly passed away. We have accepted Tony's resignation with much regret and again this is an opportunity to thank him most sincerely for all that he has done over the years – not only as a Server but also as a Communion Assistant.

Carolyn Elliott and Susie Greenslade have both joined the Cathedral Servers and after training have been serving since September. They are proving very valuable to our Guild and are now well able to take part in all the normal services of the Cathedral. They are both available to take part in Weekday Evensongs and Eucharists and other Special Services at which times we are often stretched to find Servers. We welcome them both warmly!

The Farewell Service for Bishop Tim Thornton was held in the Cathedral on 22nd July. A good number of our Members took part or were present in the Congregation. Bishop Tim has moved to Lambeth and a number of Clergy and Congregation Members attended his subsequent Enthronement. We now look forward to hearing news of his Successor and pray for all those involved in the Selection Process. I should like to close this report in thanking the Chapter for their support over the past year and hope that in the future we as Servers can continue to fulfil our roles with reverence and dignity.

Peter Hewson
6th February 2018.



Friends Speakers Panel

The main aim of the Speakers' Panel has always been to try to encourage the people of Cornwall even in the far flung reaches to visit our wonderful Cathedral and to discover for themselves what a beautiful and inspiring place it is.

2017 has been a good year for the Panel. We have given talks with accompanying slides at 12 events in Cornwall travelling to places as far apart as St. Pinnock near Liskeard in the East and St Cury near Lizard Point in the West. This means that since the purchase of our modern sophisticated projector, we have more than covered its cost.

The talks so far have concentrated on a brief history of our Cathedral and a description of some of the features within it. All covered by beautiful photographs. It is hoped in the future to widen our range to cover more specialist topics such as the early Bishops and the Cathedral Treasures.

Those of you who are involved in certain organisations in Cornwall which regularly require speakers might like to pass on our availability. So far we have always managed to find a speaker from among our enthusiastic group of Eric Dare, Susie Greenslade, Mary Prior and Michael Tedder.

Mary Prior
Panel Manager

Friends of Truro Cathedral Fundraising Team Report

On the evening of the 14th October, fifty Friends attended a Soiree held at the Deanery by kind invitation of the Dean and his wife. The event took the form of a buffet supper prepared by the members of the fundraising team and musical interludes by Becky McGlade, Philip Davey and Florence MacDonald.

Beetle Drives started in September and they proved to be as popular as ever and well supported. Our thanks are extended to Pauline Sansom and Roberta Evans for arranging them each year and to Marilyn and her team for the tasty tea.

There has been a wide range of films to suit all tastes from September to March and thanks are given to Joy, Raye, Mary and Mard for their dedication and support.

Coffee mornings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and are well attended. As I write we are looking forward to future ones being held in The Old Cathedral School. In 2017 the sum of £1,054 was raised which nearly matched that raised in 2016.

We did not have a fundraising event in January. We had planned to hold the talk by Dr Michael Tedder on 31 January but it was subsequently announced that it was to be Truro's Festival of Lights Parade which forced us to postpone it as we knew the city would be very busy and parking impossible. We plan to hold this in October.

Events planned for the rest of the year are as follows:

20 May – Friends Lunch and AGM

June – No decision has yet been made as to a fundraising event but details will eventually be posted on our website and on the notice board in the Cathedral.

17 July – Annual Fal River Trip, departing **M&S Coach Park at 6pm** by bus to The Heron Inn, Malpas, returning to Truro at 9.30pm. **Ticket price: £16** which includes a pasty.

13 September – Visit to Altarnun Church / Lunch in Altarnun Village Hall / Visit to Wesley's Cottage (Museum) and Blisland Church. More details to follow very shortly.



Daphne Skinnard giving a talk to the Friends at the 2017 Autumn General Meeting

October (date and time tbc) – A Duck With An Umbrella: stories of the early bishops of Truro. Talk by Dr Michael Tedder on the Bishops of Truro from Benson to Morgan, their families and households.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Committee Members who retired last year, Lois Bush, Peter Hewson, Pam MacLeod and Mary Prior for their time and dedication to the Fundraising Committee over the years and to welcome Juliet Lingham who has joined the team.

Thanks are also extended to all Friends who support us and attend our fundraising events.

Angela Hare

Chair Social and Fundraising Committee

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EVERY FRIEND SHOULD FIND A FRIEND TO BECOME A FRIEND

Truro Cathedral Flower Guild

We have worked well as a team, often a small team this year due to sickness and personal commitments, thus having to produce more than one arrangement within the allotted time constraint. As always, we have been supported by the Verger Team in preparing buckets to receive the fresh flowers and foliage each week, for which we are most grateful.

We have arranged flowers for all weekly services, as far as possible using liturgical colour, plus baptisms, funerals, in memoriams, memorial services, a special birthday and weddings. Fewer weddings to arrange for: a change in systems in the cathedral office led to a lack of notice but also the change to the system of St Paul's parishioners using St Mary's Aisle for wedding services. The pedestals are watered daily.

Sadly, our dear retired flower arranger Hester Pitts died on Christmas Day. Her family requested special white floral designs for her funeral in St Mary's Aisle, which we were honoured to do.

Flower festivals: we were delighted to take part in two this year, Kenwyn Church and Truro Methodist Chapel. Our themes were Pentecost and Good Friday for the Methodist Chapel and Trebah Gardens for Kenwyn. Both churches made us extremely welcome and we much enjoyed both events. One of our team tutored a flower arranging group at Redruth Church which was much appreciated by their members.

Flowers have generally been of better quality this year but, like everything else, have risen in price. They come mainly from one supplier who can deliver to the cathedral on a Thursday at our specified time, but we also buy spring flowers and dahlias from a local grower to support our local area.

We are deeply grateful to the gardens which donate foliage every week by rota, without which we could not produce the pedestals. We need at least two more donor gardens to reduce the commitment from three times to twice yearly. More urgently we need more volunteers to collect foliage and deliver it to the cathedral by rota, usually on a Friday morning. Of our 10 collectors, 6 are also flower arrangers and it would be so helpful if we could reduce their workload - as with so many things, the years are advancing. For more information about foliage donation and collecting please contact Pam Dodd 01726 883408

Finally, but not least, we thank the Cathedral Friends for their encouragement and support throughout the year as we decorate the cathedral to the glory of God.

Linda McGannity

The Guild of Lay Assistants

The Guild of Lay Assistants of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Truro, to give the Guild its full title, has seen a couple of membership changes over the last few months with Eric Irons receiving Emeritus status and the welcome of two new members, Kevin and Denise Borthwick.

I would also like to mention that Neville Smith has been a Lay Assistant for some 30 years. Well done Neville!

Well, it's been an interesting few months in the job as Warden. I feel the job description as it was presented to me by my predecessors didn't really do the job justice. Christmas was especially challenging when I found myself as a full-time administrator and spending more time in the cathedral than when I was a chorister parent.

Highlights of my short but varied career so far have been the bolshy but amusing donkey at the Young Farmers Carol Service, a couple of medical emergencies where my skill in carrying people who had fainted came into play, a secret visit by an HRH and the Christmas tree falling over.

The Christmas services were well attended with the Cathedral virtually bursting at the seams for the Young Farmers (always a sell-out), both Nine Lessons, Midnight Mass, the Christmas morning Eucharist and the Children and Pets Carol Service. Long may it continue!

Adam Starr

Warden of the Lay Assistants

Sunday Coffee Rota

Do you enjoy your coffee/tea and biscuit after the service on Sunday mornings? Have you ever thought of volunteering to be in a team or even better make a team of your own. How about a gentlemen only team? Or a team where all your names begin with the same letter? Maybe particular row in the Cathedral team? Endless possibilities but don't stop there why don't you do something about it? You see the more teams there are the less often your duty comes round. I know that Lois Bush would be delighted to hear from you so please, make her day and contact her on lbush@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you

Truro Cathedral Sewing Guild

The move to our new quarters in the beautifully restored Old Cathedral School building is imminent. The space we are allotted within it is a lovely airy room with large work tables, effective heating and very good natural light. We are looking forward to moving in. This seems an appropriate time to take stock of the Sewing Guild's activities during the past year. Sadly, our membership has suffered a blow with the retirement of Daphne Goodway, who did so much sterling work during her time in the Guild: we miss you Daphne and with the recent death of Sheila Cotterell who was a member of the Guild for many years and a real character. Latterly Sheila did a great deal of work on the white set of vestments with Anne Pengelly: she also will be missed. Rest in Peace.

If anyone reading this would like to join the Guild, you don't need to be an expert seamstress, just able to sew a neat seam, sew on buttons, herringbone interfacing etc. Please ring: 01872 274628

We have been busy de-cluttering our boxes of trimmings etc and our considerable stock of fabric. Some of the fabric is not suitable for our work so Dee Gordon Jackson has found a worthy cause to donate it to.

The Junior Craft Club at Portreath is an after school club for 5 to 11 year olds, which runs weekly for 8 weeks each Autumn. They can take 24 children, it is hugely popular and is run by volunteers (mostly grandparents); the next series will be its 5th year. There is a very minimal charge; the children have a snack and drink on arrival and then make a complete object - something different every week. They learn hand and machine sewing and have made items such as bags, cushion covers, toys, dream catchers and cross stitch items. Other crafts they learn include cookery, woodwork and art. At the final class, they present display of all items they have made and invite the families to see their work. The Craft Club was so appreciative of what we gave them; it will make a difference.

Our activities over the year include two Stoles made for Jane Horton, help with the stitching of the white set stoles, the usual general repairs and alterations of various vestments, the replacement of lace on several Altar cloths and the making of completely new ones for some of the chapels. Extra interfacing has been added to three of the green set tunicles to improve their appearance. Small bags were made to hold Communion wafers when taken to the sick or infirm and more money bags are in the pipeline for the Welcome Stewards to carry change during the sale of concert programmes. The refurbishment of the kneelers in St. Mary's Aisle is complete and they are now back in use.

Looking ahead, an Altar Frontal in St. Mary's Aisle is in need of repair and there is the daunting task of cataloguing all the fair linen in the Cathedral, including some that

was inherited from the Convent, to be tackled as well as the usual steady stream of general maintenance to vestments.

We have achieved much as a team in spite of there being few of us and our other responsibilities. We expect to continue to be busy.

Annie Gooch

Truro Cathedral Bell Ringers

Once again our ringers have sounded the Cathedral bells before the Eucharist each Sunday, and again before Evensong on nearly all Sundays over the past year. Our numbers remain low, and it is rare that we are able to ring all twelve bells on Sundays. But our band is a loyal one which takes very seriously the privilege which it has of being able to ring such wonderful bells in so spectacular a setting. We have also rung for five weddings over the year, as well as on other special occasions as well. We had a particularly busy period over Christmas, with the bells being rung on successive days for the Young Farmers' Carol Service, both Nine Lessons services, the Eucharist on Christmas Eve (a Sunday on this occasion) and then twice on Christmas morning, commencing at 7.30am! And six of us were able to ring in 2018, while others were helping to do the same at Kenwyn.

Our Tuesday practices have continued over the year, with attendances varying from a handful to well over twelve. We have welcomed visitors both from other Cornish towers and from further afield, and are always pleased to see non-ringing visitors in the ringing chamber. It's only thirty-two steps up to the west gallery, and as an added bonus you get the best view of the Cathedral thrown in absolutely free!

Robert Perry

Cathedral Ringing Master





Friends of Truro Cathedral Membership Report 2017-18

Membership of the Friends remains broadly static with new members joining as others leave. We continue to keep the office open on Wednesdays and welcome people in for a chat and to book events. It's a useful way to maintain contact with members and provide a service while performing our usual jobs. The impending move to the new offices will bring with it challenges but we are sure that they will be overcome.

We look forward to seeing you soon either in the office in person or at a FoTC event

New Members 2017-8 (up to 31 Jan 2018)

Individual

Mr. A. Beney
Mrs. H. Boyle
Mrs. E. G. Jacobs
Mrs. K. H. Peach
Mr. G. L. Ratcliffe
Mrs. M. S. Reynolds
Miss. R. K. Roberts
Mrs. R. M. Westwood

Joint

Mr. & Mrs. D. R. Green
Rev. & Mrs. R. H. & K. M. Grigg
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. & M. R. Schofield

Life

Mr. & Mrs. P. & E.J. Goldsworthy
Mr. & Mrs. J. G. & J. A. Pykett

Please continue to tell your friends of our existence and in addition persuade them to join.

Christopher B Rowe
Membership Secretary

From the Director of Music

Before I give you a brief review of the past year, I would like to let you know about one or two exceptional things we have coming up in the summer term. The first is a concert on Friday 11th May at 7.30pm with the Cathedral Choir and the BBC Concert Orchestra with celebrated cellist Natalie Clein. At this concert, we will give the first performance of a major new work by Dobrinka Tabakova, composed specially for this occasion when our Cathedral Choir and the BBC CO will be joined by more than one hundred students from local secondary schools. The concert will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3, and I am hoping the programme will be based around nature and God's creation (the Cathedral Choir-only items will likely include beautiful arrangements of the traditional songs Shenandoah and Londonderry Air, as well as Jonathan Dove's *Seek him that maketh the seven stars* and Philip Moore's *All wisdom cometh from the Lord*). The new work by Dobrinka Tabakova will set lines from the poem Kynance Cove by John Harris, and this new work will be performed alongside her existing work for choir and orchestra, *On the South Downs*.

Then, at the very end of term, BBC Radio 3 will be returning for two more broadcasts on consecutive days, both going out live: Choral Evensong at 3.30pm on Wednesday 11th July, and a full evening concert on Thursday 12th July at 7.30pm. The second half of the concert will feature the sublime Requiem by French composer Maurice Duruflé, and the first half will be made up of short works by living composers to include the devastating and poignant (not to say fiendishly difficult) work *Identity* by James MacMillan. Do please join us for all of these special occasions, for which so much blood, sweat and tears is being invested behind the scenes as we prepare!

Dominating last year for the Cathedral Choir was the recording and launch of a new CD of music by Philip Stopford. All sixty members of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales travelled to Cornwall to record with us over two days, and the result is some inspiring, uplifting music. The composer flew over from New York to be with us for the launch of the CD in September.

One of the choir's principal projects of last year and this year involves an Arts Council England grant to enable the Cathedral to commission a number of new pieces of music from composer Dobrinka Tabakova. The project is also supported by a generous donation from a benefactor wishing to support the work of the girl Choristers via Truro School where they are educated. One of the new pieces was a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, sung by the Choir at their first live BBC Radio 3 broadcast of Choral Evensong to include the girl Choristers (on International Women's Day, in March).

In June, another CD (recorded over a year before, by the boys and adults) of music by Spanish and Portuguese Renaissance composers was released. In the same month, the choir's summer concert featured some of Bach's "greatest hits" including the motet *Lobet den Herrn* along with music from more than a century later by German and Austrian composers influenced by Bach. Also in June, the boys and adults of the Cathedral Choir travelled to Germany to sing concerts and services based at Salem Minster.

In October, the Choir was joined by orchestral players for a special Evensong to mark the Reformation anniversary. Music included Bach's *Cantata 80 Ein feste Burg* and the Durante Magnificat. During the October half term, the girl Choristers went on their first trip out of Cornwall, to Oxford and Cambridge (including a stop at Thorpe Park on the way back!). In December, the girls and adults gave the premiere of a new carol by Alex Woolf at their Nine Lessons and Carols service.

All-in-all, it has been a busy but immensely rewarding year for the choir, which continues to have at the heart of its routine the round of seven sung services each week during term time. The effort that goes into maintaining the tradition that dates back to the first days of the Cathedral is immense, and I am grateful to everyone who values and supports our music, enabling it to flourish as it continues to serve the Cathedral's worship moving further into the 21st century.

Christopher Gray

Director of Music at Truro Cathedral

Truro Cathedral Choir singing in Salem Minster, Germany, June 2017



News from the Shop Front

Another year has whizzed by in a flash and by the time you read this we will be thinking about Christmas in the shop!!! “Oh Yes We Will” I have lots of new stock to tempt you and don't forget you get 10% off in the shop on production of your Friends card. We will have a new Calendar out for 2019 with lots of lovely local pictures as in previous years. Our witness jewellery range has been expanded and we have a good selection of crosses and rosaries. As this is the centenary year of the end of the First world war keep an eye out for our extensive range of Poppy Jewellery, China and Glass.

A big thank you to all the Volunteers who help in the shop without whom we couldn't run the shop as we do. If you think you might like to help for a few hours a week then don't be shy come on down and have a chat and a cup of tea. I promise that despite the rumours we don't bite!!

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?

Friends of the Cathedral will receive a 10% discount.
Summer opening Monday to Saturday 10 am-5pm

“A Gift is for Giving”

10 THINGS WHICH YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE CATHEDRAL...

- The height of the spire is 244 feet which is the distance in miles from London in a straight line.
- There are 32 inscriptions in the walls and pillars.
- There is a brass plaque on the wall of the North Choir Aisle which commemorates the death of 7 children of Samuel and Emma Harvey all between the ages of 17 and 27.
- Nearby in the bay reserved for memorials of the Sisters of the Epiphany, is a granite cross cut in low relief in memory of Sister Emilie who was drowned in an attempt to rescue two girls who were in danger at Crantock.
- Mrs. Hawkins of Trewinnard sold her husband's collection of snuff boxes to raise money for the two western towers in his memory.
- The figures of the Saints in the choir were carved by Violet Pinwill born 1874 and died 1959 . She was the fifth daughter of the Vicar of Ermington and a highly regarded carver. Twenty one of the 32 figures are 'Celtic' Saints.
- The "Wooden Cathedral", which was used until the cathedral building was available, (and in which the first Festival of 9 Lessons with Carols was held) was subsequently sold and moved to Drump Road Redruth where it did duty as "The Cathedral Boot Works"; it survived until 1981 when it was destroyed by fire.
- The first Clerk of Works at the start of the building of the cathedral was James Bubb – a teetotal Londoner aged 37. He worked as much as 19 hours a day and succumbed to typhoid at the age of 39. He is buried in St.Mary's Churchyard.
- The 'Wesley Window' includes a depiction of Samuel Walker the Curate-in-Charge of St.Mary's Church whose evangelical ministry had much in common with the Wesleys. For that reason John Wesley delayed establishing his own work until Walker left in 1761.
- The R.N.L.I. standard hanging in the south west corner came from the Penlee Life Boat Station near Mousehole and is hanging on a 'jackstaff' made from the wreckage of the Penlee Lifeboat which was lost with all hands on 18th December 1981 while on a rescue mission.

The Cathedral Restaurant

Visiting the Cathedral Restaurant is a very comfortable and pleasant experience. The staff are friendly, smiling and generous with their time. It has been another exceedingly busy year for them with Sunday Lunches which include Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday. These events are so popular that “booking to avoid disappointment” is vital! There’s St Piran’s Day lunch, feeding visiting royalty, regular evening functions and of course the Christmas lunches. This year the restaurant catered for in excess of 1,750 turkey lunches.

All this is carried out with apparently a minimum of fuss with Andy running a very efficient kitchen producing innovative meals and many old favourites. Meanwhile Marilyn and her “Trusty Team” maintain an aura of calm on the service front whilst on occasions she paddles furiously like an ugly duckling (her words!!).

A very tempting breakfast is served every day between 8.30 and 10.45 am and when they finish serving that the Special Menu of the Day takes over. In the quiet time after Christmas there is a very good offer with a full English breakfast and a filter coffee for only £5. Sadly this will have finished on the 29th March but look out for it and similar next year. What temptation!

We are extremely grateful to and very proud of our Restaurant and the people who make it what it is – a very special place to relax, enjoy excellent food and feel ever so slightly smug that it’s “our restaurant”. Thank you very much to you all.

A Very Satisfied Customer

Truro Cathedral Restaurant and Coffee Shop

We serve fresh simple Cornish food using local seasonal ingredients

OPEN

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 3.30pm

Saturday 9.30am – 3.30pm

Breakfasts served until 10.45am

Morning coffee

Lunches

Afternoon teas

**The Restaurant is available for functions and parties.
For more information please contact the Restaurant Manager,
Marilyn Trevelyan Tel 01872 245011
e-mail MarilynTrevelyan@trurocathedral.org.uk**

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Remember that Gift Aiding your subscription gives
an extra 25% to the Friends.

If you are a tax payer but not gift aiding your
subscription, please fill in the appropriate form.
These are available from the Friends' Office opposite
the entrance to the Cathedral car park.

The Office is open on Wednesday from 10 – 12.

Telephone 01872 274986

Thank you.

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 St. 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.

The Friend's 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

Thank You

Speakers

We are very grateful to our Speakers at our meetings in 2017. At the AGM Canon Alan Bashforth spoke very movingly and amusingly about “Relationships”. At our Autumn Meeting our very own Daphne Skinnard entertained us with snippets from her life with the BBC at Radio Cornwall. We are very grateful to both these speakers for giving up their time to entertain us so well.

Fund Raising

An enormous Thank You goes to Angela Hare and her Fund Raising Committee for all their hard work not only organising so many diverse and interesting events but also for running the Friends’ Office on Wednesday mornings and for hosting Coffee Mornings on the second Wednesday of the month.

Publicity

We continue to be very grateful to Tony Northcott who provides us with all our posters, tickets and fliers. Nothing is too much trouble and he always manages to interpret our, sometimes, sketchy information into great publicity for the Friends. We are especially grateful this year as he has coped with all our requests whilst undergoing and recovering from major heart surgery. Well done Tony and thank you.

Restaurant

Many of the Friends’ events are held in the Restaurant and we are very grateful to Marilyn Trevelyan (Restaurant Manager) and her staff for helping us at the events we hold in the Chapter House and also for serving at luncheon at the AGM and the Autumn Meeting.

The Vergers

Steve (Head Verger) Robert, Dan and Cat deserve a very big Thank You for being on hand at all Friends’ events held in the Cathedral or the Restaurant as they are the people with the keys!!! Remember they cannot lock up at the end of a function until all have gone so leaving promptly is much appreciated.

Keith Sparrow – Thank YOU for all you do to take this Annual Report and the Autumn Newsletter from some rather plain typed pages into a most tempting magazine.

To You – The Friends

Finally a very big thank you to all of you who attend all our events, coffee mornings and meetings because without you it would all be a waste of our time and effort!!!! Excellent Team Work!!!!



THE FRIENDS OF
TRURO CATHEDRAL

FRIENDS FESTIVAL DAY AND AGM
SUNDAY 20th MAY 2018 – 12NOON

Application form for Lunch

MENU

Carvery
Vegetarian option
Seasonal vegetables
Choice of puddings
Tea/Coffee

Cost £14 per person

Name
Address
Tel. No

Please tick if you
require vegetarian
option

Special diet
requirements

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 11th May 2018.

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





**THE FRIENDS OF
TRURO CATHEDRAL**

BOOKING FORM

NAME
and
ADDRESS

TEL No.

Email:

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

EVENT	PRICE	QTY	DATE	COST
	TOTAL			

I/We enclose cheque, payable to The Friends of Truro Cathedral.

£

Please return this completed form with your payment to The Friends Office,
14 St Mary Street, Truro TR1 2AF.

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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

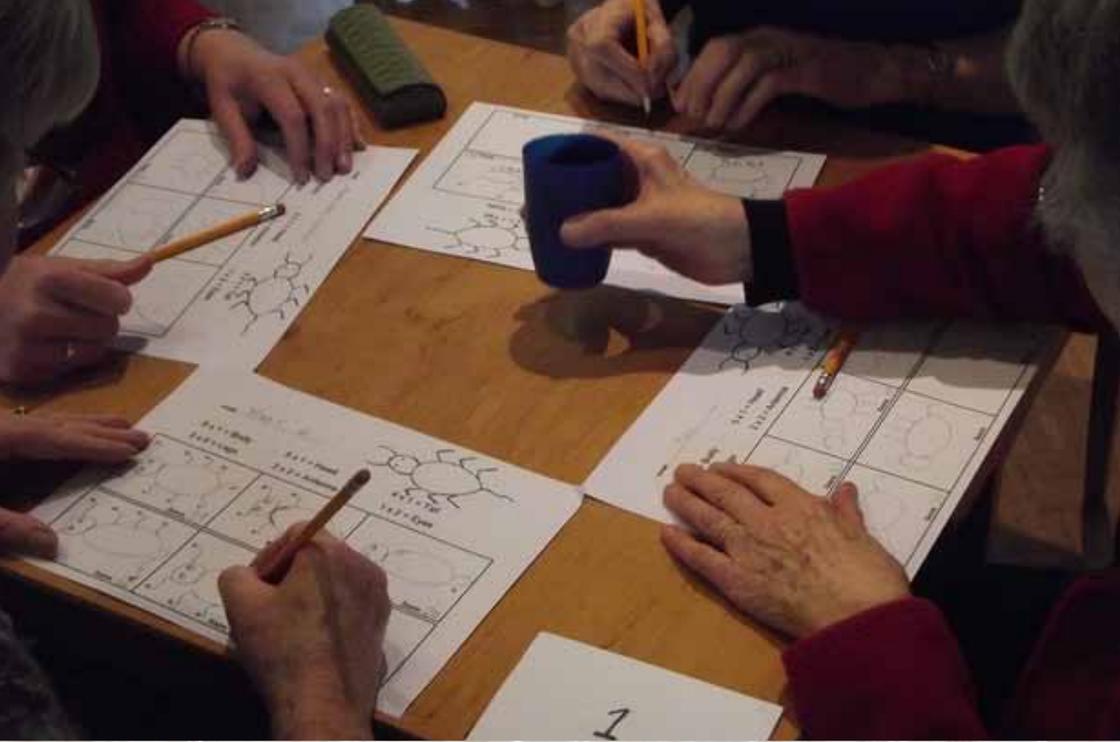
I am willing to accept
this nomination for the position of

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 11th May 2018**.





A Friends Beetle Drive in the Cathedral Restaurant





A section of the wonderful mosaic floor of Truro Cathedral