



THE FRIENDS OF  
TRURO CATHEDRAL

**THE ANNUAL REPORT** 2017



# THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL

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# WELCOME TO THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL SPRING NEWS 2017

In order to reduce the amount of paper used in the past we are once again including **“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 - Christopher Barley. As a result, there will be a vacancy for one lay member of Council. Nomination forms must be returned to the Secretary by 12th May. “Tear out” nomination forms are available at the back of this publication.

## AGM LUNCH MENU

Drink on arrival

### Buffet Lunch

Chicken in Tarragon Cream Sauce, Beef Casserole  
Mushroom Stroganoff (Vegetarian)  
followed by  
Lemon Meringue Pie or Trifle  
Tea/Coffee

**£15.50 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 (Mushroom Stroganoff) or other dietary requirements. There will be tables of 8 but no reserved seats. Maximum 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 12.15 PROMPT**



# **FRIENDS FESTIVAL DAY AND AGM**

**SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017**

## **Programme**

10am Sung Eucharist

12 noon Drinks in the Chapter House

12.15 - Grace and Lunch

2pm AGM

## **Agenda**

Opening prayer

Apologies for absence

Minutes of AGM on Sunday 22nd May 2016

Matters arising

President's Report

Chairman's Report

Presentation of Accounts

Election of Officers

Closing Prayer

**3pm**

Canon Alan Bashforth

**3.45pm**

Tea and Biscuits

## From the President of the Friends




The other day John Humphrys gave an overview of his thirty years (so far) as a presenter of the Today programme. He recalled his first ever interview which was, as it happened, to be with the prime minister, Margaret Thatcher. He said he was obviously very nervous about this, but the interview astonished him in one fundamental way, and that was, half way through, Mrs Thatcher developed the conversation in a way that can only be described as theological. She was asked about public service, and she replied along the lines that people should be in public service to improve themselves and society in this world, so that they were, in effect, preparing themselves for the next one.

Humphrys commented on this in two ways: he said that politicians would never, ever talk in this way today (and we note Alistair Campbell's dictum that 'we don't do God' when asked to comment about what politicians should talk about), and that when Mrs Thatcher talked in this way her voice became quieter, more intimate and less obviously focussed, and rehearsed, on the points she wanted to get across. It was as if she had been taken unawares and something of the real Margaret Thatcher came across. Humphrys said it was a moment that has stayed with him...and one that has never been repeated.

I was struck by this as well, particularly how faith and public affairs don't often mix. I can well remember Tony Blair's embarrassment when asked in an interview with Jeremy Paxman whether or not he prayed when he met with George Bush. There is a sense in which people, especially in public life, find talking about their faith awkward and difficult. Blair is a practising Catholic, Gordon Brown was greatly influenced by the manse, Thatcher herself had strong religious roots, and Theresa May has often spoken about the influence of her parents on her life, she being the daughter of an Anglican priest, and yet very few of them refer to their faith values. Indeed, to talk about it is frowned upon.

There is, it seems to me, a public and a private way of talking about faith. In public terms, faith does not get a good press: politicians are reluctant to talk about their faith, if they have one. In global terms faith is often seen in an extremist context, and that has negative connotations.



And institutionally, of course, the Church always sets itself up to be knocked down by the press: very recently we had the case of the lawyer John Smyth physically abusing youngsters at Christian holiday camps in the 1970s and 80s. Yet in private terms, when we talk about the faith of an individual person, we can be moved by what that faith means to that person.

In January, Jill Saward, who was repeatedly raped during a burglary in 1986 at her father's vicarage in west London, died suddenly. She was a noted campaigner for victims of rape, being herself the first person to have her right to anonymity waived in order to make more aware the impact of this terrible crime on people. It was her faith that led her to be a woman of great courage. It was as a Christian that she stood for the rights and dignity of women in the face of an outrageous set of circumstances (compounded by the judge at the subsequent trial of the offenders who said that what had happened to Jill hadn't been so bad).

Faith is transformative. It makes us different people, better people. And all around me, in and beyond the cathedral, I see people who live their faith in order to make their lives, and more particularly the lives of others, more valuable and enriching. From the humblest brass cleaner in the cathedral to the archbishop of Canterbury advocating matters of national importance, our faith is telling a continuing story about how we should behave and how the world should be a better place.

Each of us is an example of faith in action. We can sometimes hide behind public roles to mask this, but the more we can simply reflect who we are as Christians the more we can be an agent for change and transformation in the lives of others. Cathedrals are great places where this can happen (and perhaps, when things go slightly awry, where it doesn't!). Let us pray that everything we do releases us to be the people of faith we are, so that as Friends of Jesus Christ we can reveal more of his love to a world that has never needed it more.

**The Very Revd Roger Bush  
Dean**



# Message from the Chairman



*Dear fellow friends,*

As you read through this report you will see that the Friends and the Cathedral have had another full and active year. For me one of the highlights was being able to join the trip last November to Exeter Cathedral when we were also able to enjoy the Christmas Market on the cathedral green. This visit happened only a few days after the Royal Clarence Hotel (thought to have been the oldest hotel in England) had been destroyed by fire, a salutary reminder that things which appear firm and permanent are often only transitory.

Our cathedral is a permanent reminder of a living faith and built to the glory of God yet requires continuous maintenance. As you all know the building is currently being re-roofed in phases after over 100 years of service, necessary work which is putting considerable strain on the Cathedral's finances when other projects still have to be addressed. One of these is the refurbishment of the Chapter House toilets which I have referred to previously. Izaak Hudson, the cathedral's architect, has prepared some excellent plans which address in a most imaginative way the shortcomings of the current facilities, particularly for the ladies which the number of cubicles will be increased by 50%. Unfortunately this does not come cheaply as it involves more substantial building work (including moving a wall), improving the drainage system and installing flooring, cubicles and sanitary ware with a design life of 15 to 20 years of hard use.

Both Chapter and the Friends' Council believe Izaak Hudson's plans are the way forward but the estimated cost of £130,000 is beyond our current resources; we will need to raise approaching £40,000 for the work to proceed. A working group has been set up to explore ideas for holding larger scale fund raising events in the future but this will only cover some of the target. Accordingly we are taking the unusual step of appealing directly to Friends and supporters for donations towards this necessary

project. There is more information on this in the “appeal letter” sent to you with this report.

For the last three years since becoming chairman I have been spending more time out of Cornwall than in (but retirement beckons later this year). The success and vibrancy of our association is due to the hard work of members and officers organising and arranging events and activities; they deserve our thanks for making our association as vibrant as it is.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and I urge you to consider responding to our appeal for improving the Chapter House Lavatories – 2017 is the 50th anniversary of the Chapter House’s dedication.

**Chris Barley**  
*Chairman*



## The Cathedral Toilets

With this magazine we include a letter inviting you to be kind enough to pledge money towards meeting the shortfall between the funds we have and the cost of a total overhaul of the lavatories in the Cathedral. If your response is sufficiently encouraging we will be able to put the work in hand.

We also plan other fund raising Events, not least a “Grand Medieval Fair” to be held in August next year – it will take that long to prepare! Mr. Adam Starr the vice chairman of Friends’ Council is busy planning the event. We hope to attract the support of our local Members to this and to other not-to-be-missed opportunities that the Friends Fund Raising and Social Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs Angela Hare, are busy organising. Watch for the adverts.

Meanwhile, thank you so very much in advance.





# Friends Speakers Panel

Last year was a better year as we are now a popular event for local Women's Institutes as well as the occasional Old Cornwall Society.

We can offer a virtual guided tour of our beautiful Cathedral through photographs and a talk offering more in depth history. In future we are hoping to add presentations on the Treasures and maybe on the stained glass both currently being worked on.

Thanks for their precious time and creative efforts must go to Susie Greenslade, Eric Dare and Michael Tedder. All of them love the Cathedral and enjoy communicating that love and their knowledge of all the Cornish elements that go to make our Cathedral special.

Obviously we need to make ourselves known to many more organisations throughout Cornwall who are looking for speakers. This is where members of the Friends can help with possible contacts or suggestions.

**Mary Prior**

*Panel Manager*

## 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 of Truro Cathedral Fundraising Team Report

In November 27 Friends travelled by coach to Exeter and on arrival were joined by our Chairman. We were served coffee and biscuits by Friends of Exeter before splitting in to two groups for tours of the Cathedral. We had approximately 3 hours to ourselves before leaving Exeter at 1600 hrs which enabled some to attend the mid week Eucharist, have lunch and/or explore the Christmas market on the green and the shops.

Our fundraising event for January was a Seasonal Party which was great fun and included, amongst other things, stories recited by David Ivall and Keith Sparrow. Keith also sang songs accompanied by Luke Bond on the piano. Marilyn and her team produced a delicious buffet supper and a raffle, with a bottle of champagne as the first prize amongst many, was well supported. Roberta Evans was an excellent Master of Ceremonies and ensured the evening ran smoothly.

As I write the Dean will be interviewing Donna Birrell, Radio Cornwall's Religious Affairs Correspondent on the evening of Tuesday 28 February. A light supper will be served.

Beetle Drives are as popular as ever and we have managed to recruit some new players with the January one having a turn out of 20+ people. Marilyn and her staff, as always, produced a tasty tea.

The Film Club has had one of its best seasons to date with around 30 Members. There were a variety of films shown, from the Scarlet Pimpernel in black and white, to adventurous escapades and Belle a true story.

The second Wednesday of every month is the Friends' coffee morning where we not only serve tea and coffee but sell home made cakes, books and a selection of goods from the bring and buy table. The raffle is always popular with some lovely prizes.





## Further Events for 2017

**4 May** – Visit to Cornish Mill and Bakehouse.

**21 May** – Lunch and AGM

**17 June** – Soiree at the Deanery. 7 for 7.30 pm. Ticket Price: £18.

**13 July** – Annual Boat Trip, departing **M&S Coach Park at 6 pm** by bus to The Heron Inn, Malpas, returning to Truro at 9.30 pm. Ticket Price: Adults: £16, Children aged 5-15: £8 and Children under 5 free.

Price includes a pasty.

**12 September** – Coach outing to Morwenstow and Launcells Church.

**19 November** – Autumn Meeting.

*Congratulations are extended to Anne Pengelley on being awarded the St Piran's Cross by Bishop Tim.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who support our fundraising events in person and to those of you who support us from afar.

**Angela Hare**  
**Chair Fund Raising**

### **Our Website and Email Addresses are:**

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**EVERY FRIEND SHOULD FIND A FRIEND TO BECOME A FRIEND**

# Truro Cathedral Flower Guild

The Flower Guild, under the leadership of Linda McGannity, has again spent a busy year at the Cathedral. Approximately ten flower arrangements are made for the main body of the Cathedral together with St Mary's aisle and the Refectory each week. In 2016, we also had the joy of providing special arrangements for five weddings, including that of our Worship Secretary Elizabeth. In early September the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited the Cathedral to 'sign a slate', the Guild having decorated the Cathedral interior with beautiful jewel-coloured late summer flowers.

This year we have welcomed three new arrangers, Melva, Sue and Anne, who is from the Central Methodist church. However, we would always be happy to welcome further new members. Whatever little experience you may have, we can always provide guidance and tuition to develop skills – so how about joining us, even on a part time basis. It is a wonderful way of creating something beautiful to the glory of God if you have a love of flowers and nature.

As fresh foliage is essential to frame and enhance our arrangements, we would welcome any member of the congregation who has transport and who would be able to occasionally cut and bring in foliage for us on a Thursday or Friday morning. The dates and venues for cutting would be agreed and collection would only need to occur two or three times a year for each individual. Advice and tuition would be given and liaison with the land-owner would be made via our Foliage Secretary. It would not be necessary to enrol as a Cathedral volunteer to help in this way. If you could help us, or know anyone who could, please contact our Foliage Secretary, Pam Dodd, on: 01726 883 408 or email: [pam\\_dodd@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_dodd@hotmail.com)

The Flower Guild thanks all the Friends for their ongoing support.

## **Mary Crawford**

*Secretary, Truro Cathedral Flower Guild*



# Truro Cathedral Servers

We have had some changes to our senior personnel with Jacqueline Davis moving to Cadgwith . Jacqueline had been a Server for approaching ten years and for the last five had been our Secretary and at the same time was responsible for preparing all the Server Rotas. The Rotas for Special Services and Saints' Days take a lot of time and patience but nothing was too much trouble and her valued contributions will be greatly missed. We are extremely fortunate that Beverly Hulme volunteered to take her place and has been very impressive with her enthusiasm and skills. She has volunteered to look after the Post until this March and therefore I can only hope that she will still be in post when the Friends hold their AGM.

Tony Robathan has served since 2001 but has effectively retired to spend more time with his wife who is not in good health at present. It is hoped that he will be able to offer support as both a Server and Communion Assistant particularly at the major Festivals but it is very much his call.


We congratulate Elizabeth Ellis (nee Stewart) who was married to Ross in the Cathedral on 17th September and we were all delighted that Canon Perran was able to be present and preach. We are greatly sorry that Elizabeth has left employment at the Cathedral where she did such valiant work liaising between The Clergy and ourselves to ensure that we were kept fully aware of immediate Services but were also kept apprised in good time of future plans involving Servers. I understand she has taken a position at Highertown (Truro) and wish her every success both there and perhaps more particularly with married life!

Following Canon Perran's appointment to the Isles of Scilly, Canon Simon Griffiths was appointed the new Canon Precentor and it was a privilege to serve at his installation on 31st January 2016. Inevitably changes to the Liturgy are being made and as Servers we are hopefully keeping abreast of them. Server Practices are to be arranged and it is hoped that all members will be able to attend as alternative dates are being arranged to achieve maximum attendance.

Jane Horton was ordained Priest in July 2016 and appears to be as busy as ever. I know that she has much ground to cover with her continuing training but we are all delighted to have her on board!

David Lodge has joined the Servers' Guild and we were particularly grateful to him as Thurifer for the two July 2016 Ordination Services when all other thurifers were away or unavailable and David stepped in to save the day. He brings with him Server experience from elsewhere and is very much welcomed.





On All Saints Day 2016 new White Vestments were dedicated by the Canon Precentor. These are made of very fine Material and generously lined. They reflect an enormous amount of time in their design and even more time in their preparation. They will be a privilege to wear as their beauty will contribute so much to our acts of worship.

I should like to close this report in thanking the Chapter for their support the past year and hope that in the future we as Servers can continue to fulfil our roles with reverence and dignity.

**Peter Hewson**  
*Head Server*

## Truro Cathedral Sewing Guild

As many of you will know the Sewing Guild is a small group of ladies (men would also be welcome – no discrimination here) who are responsible for the maintenance of the Cathedral Vestments for both adult and children, the Fair Linen and other such tasks in and around the Cathedral. The members are Annie Gooch, Dee Gordon Jackson, Sue Odgers and Mary Prior.

During the course of the past year we have begun the task of refurbishing the altar kneelers in St. Mary's Aisle. In connection with this we would like to mention and thank Sandra and Richard Hooper for the special foam inserts which they supplied free of charge and for their specialist advice also given freely and patiently.

We have designed and made new stoles and tried to perform miracles transforming very old and thin (in fact could be said to be hole-y) adult choir cassocks into good-looking cassocks for visiting groups of schoolchildren. With much good intent we have made several efforts to begin to catalogue all the Fair Linen throughout the Cathedral unfortunately the size of the job has beaten us so far but this year we will be trying again.

We would like to congratulate Anne Pengelly and her team on the production of the new set of white vestments. The Sewing Guild were only marginally involved but were happy to help.

**Sewing Guild**

# News From The Shop Front

Dear friends it gives me great pleasure in presenting the news from the Cathedral shop. We were very busy in April/May with all the Celebratory merchandise surrounding the Queens 90th birthday. These sales went on well past the Queens official birthday in June and were a great success for the shop.

We opened our Christmas shop in the summer as usual and it was warmly welcomed by our visitors especially those from overseas who found the bespoke Truro Cathedral gifts very enticing. 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 19 years this year in charge of the shop.

My final words are 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 on 01872 275125 or just call into the shop and have a chat. Let's all hope for a good summer with plenty of visitors and some mixed weather.

All the best

**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”*



# Friends of Truro Cathedral Membership Report 2016-7

I'm pleased to report the following new members joined the Friends since my report for the Annual Report issued in 2016. This list includes those joining, up to and including, 15th February 2017.

Mr. & Mrs. S. W. & R. J. Baird  
Mrs. B. J. Barker  
Rev. Canon. A. G. Bashforth  
Mr. & Mrs. R. F. B. Bashforth  
Revd. P. Blackwell-Smyth  
Rev. Dr. C. Bradley & Dr. B. Bradley  
Miss. L. M. Cowin  
Mr. J. Crozier  
Revd. S. M. Griffiths  
Dr. R. A. Harvey  
Mr. & Mrs. I. & J. Hicks  
Rev. R. Macrae  
Mrs. C.A. Mead  
Mrs. A. Moodie  
Lady D. E. Neale  
Mrs. M. P. Read  
Mrs. M. M. Ricardo  
Mrs. K. C. Richards  
Mrs. B. H. Roberts  
Ms.. D. Skinnard  
Mr. & Mrs. R.M. & S. A. Stephens  
Mrs. S. F. Warrillow

We welcome them to our membership list.

Sadly we have lost several longstanding and well attending members over the last twelve months. We acknowledge their contributions to our past activities and also for some, contributions as legacies to our work.

I'd clearly like to welcome more members to our fold. If you know of any potential members, please ask them to make themselves known to me on a Sunday Morning. Alternatively ask them to pop into the office on a Wednesday morning when I'll be pleased to talk to them over a cup of coffee about our activities and function, hopefully signing them up in the process.

Do feel free to drop in if in Truro on a Wednesday to the office we'd really like to talk to as many members as possible over the coming twelve months.

Thank you again for being members of the Friends.

**Christopher Rowe**  
*Membership Secretary*



# Music at Truro Cathedral

Since I last wrote to you, the big development in terms of our music has The Cathedral Choir now numbers some 49 people (18 boys, 19 girls, 7 Lay Vicars and 5 Choral Scholars) and I continue to be in awe of the dedication and sacrifices every single one of them is prepared to make, with the support of their families who often have to move heaven and earth to enable our seven sung services each week to take place.



We are fortunate to have a Chapter and a community who truly value our choral tradition as it seeks to serve the Cathedral's liturgy in a way that honours its historical roots whilst innovating in order to flourish in the 21st century.

Most of our routine centres around the services you can attend each weekday during term time at 5.30pm, as well as on Sundays at 10am and 4pm, but I want to mention one or two other projects which all ultimately enhance that work.

## **Commissions from Dobrinka Tabakova**

I was thrilled when we received an Arts Council England grant in September to enable us to commission a series of new pieces of music from the leading composer Dobrinka Tabakova. The project has also received support through a generous donation to Truro School from a benefactor wishing to support the work of the girl Choristers.

The girls, Lay Vicars and Choral Scholars gave the premiere of our first piece from Dobrinka at their Nine Lessons and Carols service at 7.00pm on Saturday 24th December.

## **Choir tour**

We have been invited to sing some services and concerts in southern Germany, based at Salem Minster, between 27th May and 1st June. I am very pleased we have been able to accept, and that the boys, Lay Vicars and Choral Scholars will have the chance for a long-overdue choir tour.

Our hosts are generously covering the costs of accommodation, internal transport and food, so we just have to raise money for a few things like flights and insurance. Please look out for events through which you can support us!

## **Radio 3 "Choral Evensong"**

On Wednesday 8th March, the girl Choristers will have their first ever live Radio 3 Choral Evensong, along with the Lay Vicars and Choral Scholars. Music will include a new Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis composed by Dobrinka Tabakova which arrived in early February.



### **CD recording with BBC NOW**

In late February, we have something of a “first”: we will record a CD of music by Philip Stopford with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, who will be travelling to Truro for two days of intensive recording sessions. I am not aware of any other cathedral choir collaborating with a professional BBC orchestra in this way and it should be a truly wonderful opportunity for our boys, girls, Lay Vicars and Choral Scholars to make a CD that will surely stand out on the national and international stage. Many of you will remember that we recorded a CD of Philip Stopford’s music back in 2012; this is, by a long way, our most popular CD and has led to the substantial funding (all from sources outside Cornwall) falling into place for this second volume.

### **Radio 3 “In Tune” appearance**

On Wednesday 7th December, our boy and girl Choristers sang live on the BBC Radio 3 flagship programme “In Tune”. Music included Purcell’s Sound the trumpet, Fauré’s Ave Maria and Philip Stopford’s Christmas Blessing. I talked to Sean Rafferty about various aspects of our choral tradition, past, present and future.



### **City of London Sinfonia concert**

We had the most wonderful concert with the City of London Sinfonia barely a month into term starting. There was a packed audience in the Cathedral to hear Handel’s Coronation Anthems and other works, including the premiere of a new piece by James MacMillan. It was truly a privilege for us to have had the chance to work with the CLS, under the direction of Stephen Layton, and to give the MacMillan premiere.

### **Christmas DVD**

Don’t forget that our DVD “The Story of Nine Lessons” is available online and from the Cathedral Shop. It features a documentary about the origins of this iconic service here in Cornwall, as well as a live filming of our Nine Lessons service here at Truro Cathedral on 23rd December 2014. The DVD was released locally last year, but has only been released nationally in the last few months. It was a massive project, with over 600 hours of time invested by the record company, on top of our own preparations.

### **“Vox Clara” reviews**

In the Summer term last year, we released a CD of music by Gabriel Jackson. There are first recordings of works commissioned by Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and St John’s College, Cambridge, as well as a substantial number of new works written specially for us last year. It has been a privilege to work with Gabriel Jackson on this major project and I feel proud that we are associated with such high quality new music from a composer of such stature.

The CD has had outstanding reviews in the international press; most notably, it was made an Editor's Choice in the November issue of Gramophone, perhaps the most respected of all classical music journals. Here are some quotes from the critics:

'this glorious release is unbeatable...His music can – in an instant – switch from richly layered ecstasy to direct, hushed intimacy...heart-stoppingly gorgeous.'

**HYPERLINK** "<http://www.gramophone.co.uk/review/g-jackson-vox-clara>" \t  
"\_blank" **Gramophone Editor's Choice, November 2016**

'..imaginatively scored and expressive choral music, here performed compellingly by the Truro choir.' **BBC Music, November 2016**

'...That Wind Blowing and That Tide, a deeply touching setting of Rudyard Kipling's poem My Boy Jack, was the result of this unique collaboration, recorded here for the first time, along with other work for Truro's exceptionally fine choir, including a stunning set of Advent Antiphons and a wonderfully lithe and sinuous Cantate Domino. Joel Garthwaite (saxophone) and Luke Bond (organ) sprinkle stardust over everything they play.'

**HYPERLINK** "[https://www.theguardian.com/music/2016/aug/14/gabriel-jackson-truro-cathedral-choir-vox-clara-review?CMP=share\\_btn\\_fb](https://www.theguardian.com/music/2016/aug/14/gabriel-jackson-truro-cathedral-choir-vox-clara-review?CMP=share_btn_fb)" \t  
"\_blank" **The Observer, 13th August 2016**

'Jackson's work, with its allusions to Orthodox music, to the euphony (but not the prolixity) of Tavener and to Tudor manners, has an irresistible allure. Not a note is superfluous, the formal shaping is always elegant, and it's always written with the performers first in mind. In this selection of sacred pieces, Truro's fine singers engage touchingly with this creative generosity.' **Sunday Times, 10th July 2016**



‘...a distinct collection, most of it written for the finely trained Truro Cathedral Choir who accomplish everything asked of them with consummate ease.’

\*\*\*\*\* **Choir & Organ, September 2016**

‘The disc is full of imaginatively crafted music which gives further evidence of why Gabriel Jackson is so highly regarded as a choral composer. The music is challenging to sing, I’m sure, but as is his wont no outrageous, unmusical demands are made on the singers. Furthermore in each piece the music seems to constitute an unerring response to the chosen text. The singing of the Truro Cathedral choir is uniformly excellent. I’ve heard several of their previous discs and never been disappointed but this latest one is as fine as any I’ve heard from them.’

**HYPERLINK** “[http://www.musicweb-international.com/classrev/2016/Jul/Jackson\\_Clara\\_REGCD479.htm](http://www.musicweb-international.com/classrev/2016/Jul/Jackson_Clara_REGCD479.htm)” \t “\_blank”

**John Quinn. MusicWeb, July 2016**

**Christopher Gray**

*Director of Music*

## **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 11am**

**Morning coffee**

**Lunches**

**Afternoon tea**

**10% discount available for Friends**

**The Restaurant is available for functions and parties.**

**For more information please contact the Restaurant**

**Manager, Marilyn Trevelyan**

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# Truro Cathedral Company Of Ringers

2016 has been a year of change in the bell tower, as in July our Ringing Master, John Davis, surprised us all by saying that he and Jacqueline were moving away from Truro. Although we were very sorry to see them go we wish them every happiness in their new home in Cadgwith. John is now ringing at Mullion and is no doubt a great asset to the ringers in that parish.

I was asked to serve as Ringing Master once again.

While we have maintained our Sunday ringing – we have rung the bells for all morning services and almost all Evensongs – our numbers are now too low. If all our ringers came at the same time we should be enough to ring all 12 bells, but of course that rarely happens, as we are all busy people and some of us are involved in other parts of the Cathedral's life.

We urgently need new recruits and are always happy to teach prospective learners. If anyone reading this fancies a go at learning, or knows of anyone else who might be interested, please do have a word with me or with any of the ringers.

In the same way we are always pleased to welcome visitors to the ringing chamber, whether they are ringers or just curious spectators. It's just 32 steps up to the west gallery, and then a few more up into where we ring!

**Robert Perry**  
*Cathedral Ringing Master*

## **Please Gift Aid your subscription**

**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.**

**Thank you.**

# The Guild of Lay Assistants

## ***Wholly Mysterious or Who is 'TP TP'***

You will all have encountered some of life's mysteries such as - Why, when you drop a piece of buttered toast, it always lands butter side down; - When you need a 20p coin you only have a fiver in your pocket; -Why do none of the dogs at the Pet Service try to eat any of the small furry creatures. Etc.etc.

Well the answer to the first part of today's mystery is that the heading has nothing to do with accommodation for the indigenous inhabitants of the North Americas.

*No it stands for "The Phantom Three Pincher"*

Let me explain. As many of you will know, the Lay Assistants attach numbers to certain chairs in the main nave aisle to indicate where collection duties start. Usually we use numbers Two and Three but also include numbers Four and even Five on special occasions. After the service one of us collects up the numbers and returns them to our cupboard in the crypt. One day in December numbers Two and Four were still attached to the chairs at the end of the Service but the numbers Three had disappeared ! We hunted high and low, blamed everybody we could think of and hastily made alterations to the Instruction Sheet for the next pre Christmas Service.

A day or two later we found them in the Vergers Office and neither they nor we have any idea how they got there.

So there's another 'wholly mysterious' to ponder.

## **Mark Evans**

*Warden of the Guild of Lay Assistants*



# Truro Cathedral Restaurant

Sunday Lunches continue to be extremely popular with maximum take up of 70/80 people. As well as these monthly lunches (£9.95 one course £12.95 two course) we also have the “Special Sunday Lunches” for Mothering Sunday, Easter Sunday and Father’s Day” (£11.95/£14.95 ). Whilst on the subject of lunches our Christmas ones in 2016 were so popular they had to be extended and the dates for this year (just in case you wish to make an early booking!!) are from 20th November to 15th December. (Monday to Friday only)

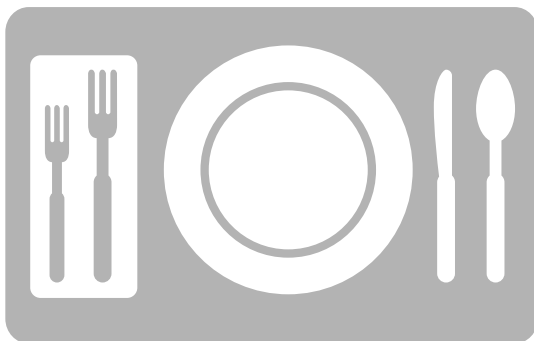
My Favourite Chef Andy and his very able assistant Anna continue to produce excellent food at a competitive price and Pam, Ali, Claire, Lou and Sharon are on hand to take your orders and serve you with assured charm. This year they have been joined by Sue (Solomon) and occasionally Damian leaves the pot washing and, attired in a very smart shirt, also waits at table. It is thanks to this dedicated team that the Restaurant remains so popular with locals and visitors.

From September to March (excluding December) we host the Friends’ monthly Beetle Drives. these are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 3pm and then after 12 noisy, competitive and sometimes hysterical games tea is served whilst the scores are added up. There is also a raffle with very reasonable priced tickets and great fun is had by all. The cost for this amazing entertainment is £5 which includes the Beetle and tea.

We help host many other events run by the Friends’ Fund Raising Committee and of course the lunches for the Friends AGM and the Autumn Meeting.

*We look forward to welcoming you to our lovely Restaurant.*

**Marilyn Trevelyan**  
*Catering Manager*





THE FRIENDS OF  
TRURO CATHEDRAL

**FRIENDS FESTIVAL DAY AND AGM**  
**SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017 – 12NOON**

**Application form for Lunch**

**MENU**

Drink on arrival

**Buffet**

Chicken in Tarragon Cream Sauce, Beef Casserole

Mushroom Stroganoff (Vegetarian)

followed by

Lemon Meringue Pie or Trifle

Tea/Coffee

Cost £15.50 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 Monday 15th May.

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

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

We've been trawling through the archives and have selected the following little snippets from old Reports of the Friends which we hope will be enjoyed. If you would like to browse through some of our old reports please pop into the Friends' Office on a Wednesday morning 10 – 12 where the staff on duty will be happy to help you.

## From 1949

Between our chairs and the pulpit one could not help noticing an elderly lady in a wider chair than all the others. This was Mrs. Sarah Benney, a well known figure in the Cathedral. She was the mother of three or four Captain Benneys of the Truro-Fal regular river service, the last of whom was Captain Albert Benney. Mrs. Benney collected the money, after she became a Churchwoman, to supply the Cathedral with about 1000 chairs; and the only reward she claimed for her fine bit of work for the Cathedral was the extra-wide-seated chair of her choice, to suit her "person". Her conversion to the Church was due to the work of the Canon Missioner.

During the Chancellor's sermon, Mrs. Benney, sitting a row or two in front of us, was a very prominent figure, and apparently she agreed with me in my estimate of the Chancellor's sermon. The trimmings of her hat, red cherries and all, made a clattering sound as her head bobbed forward repeatedly in token of her approval of what the Chancellor said. Later on, I learnt what she always did when the preacher in the Cathedral pulpit said anything which would merit her deprecation; for the rapid shaking of her head would produce the same sound, but everyone around her would realize that what was said was not to her liking.

## From 1954

An invitation has been sent to some 60 Friends who subscribe £1 or over, asking them seriously to consider the paying of their subscriptions by Deed of Covenant..... It should be pointed out that this only applies to those who pay Income Tax at the standard rate of 9/- in the pound.

The Iron Gates beautifully designed and executed by Mr. A.C. Carne of The Forge, Highertown, Truro, at the head of the south stairway to the Crypt, were completed during the summer and dedicated by the Lord Bishop during the Procession after the First Evensong of Michaelmas. The Lay Assistants of the Cathedral, whose gift they were, formed two ranks within the Gates and their Warden, Mr. W. H. Southeard, asked the Dean and Chapter to accept, and the Lord Bishop to dedicate them. The congregation were grouped close by in the south aisle of the Choir, and a short and dignified ceremony brought into use what all agreed to be a most beautiful addition to the Cathedral.



**THE FRIENDS OF  
TRURO CATHEDRAL**

## BOOKING FORM

NAME  
and  
ADDRESS

TEL No.

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

EVENT	PRICE	QTY	DATE	COST
	<b>TOTAL</b>			

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

£

Please return completed forms with your payment to: The Secretary to the Friends  
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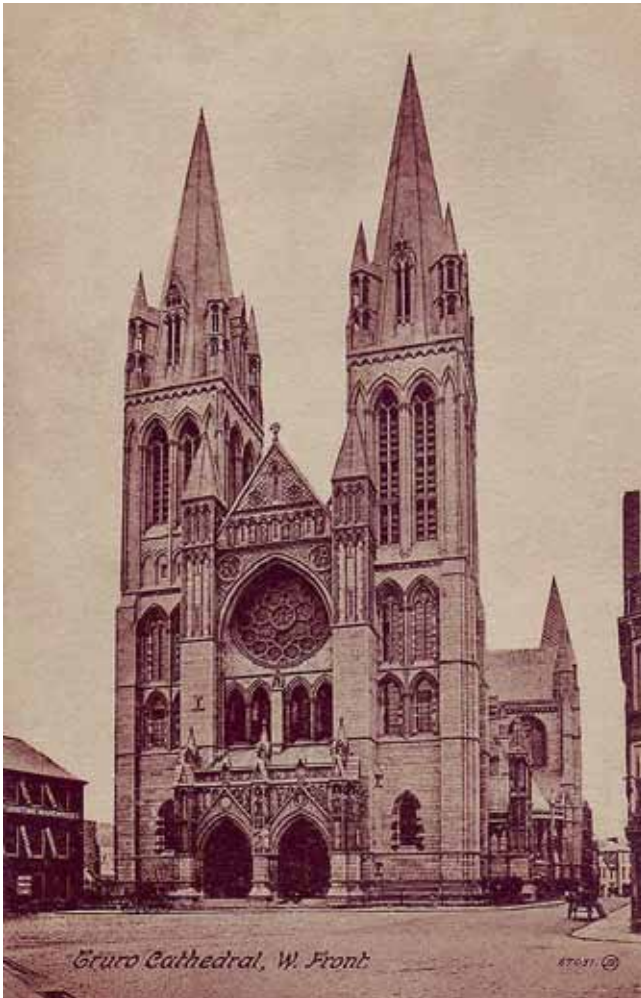
## From 1955

An extract from the list of Needs of the Cathedral.

- The buildings on the north side of the Cathedral have yet to be completed. They consist of a three-sided Cloister, a Library, and a Chapter House. The first bay of the east walk, with part of the Library above, was built in 1935 by the Freemasons of Cornwall. A sum of about £6000 is in hand for this purpose.

- A low carved screen dividing the sanctuary of St. George's Chapel from the main part of the North Transept would be more seemly than the present unsightly barrier. Probable cost £100.

- It is intended that, in addition to the ring of ten bells in the North-west Tower, a heavy "Bourdon" Bell should be hung in the South-West Tower. This bell which would correspond with "Great Tom" of Lincoln, and similar bells with well-known names, would be rung on special occasions, and could also be used as an hour-bell. Probable cost £1000.







## 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 **Saturday 6th May 2017**.



# thank you

## **Speakers**

We are very grateful to our Speakers at our meetings in 2016. At the AGM Mr Graham Brack, pharmacist at Reeds the Chemist, gave a most entertaining talk entitled "In Praise of Bolshie Patients". I think we will all look differently at how we approach medicine and prescriptions.

Then in October at the Autumn Meeting Col. Edward Bolitho, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and Patron to the Friends gave a very witty and entertaining talk.

We are very grateful to both these gentlemen for giving up their time to entertain us so well.

## **Fund Raising**

An enormous Thank You must go 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 "give thanks" for 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.

## **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 working on these occasions usually after a busy day in the Restaurant.

## **The Vergers**

Steve (Head Verger) Robert, Kevin, 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!!! They cannot leave until everyone else has left so we try very hard not to hang around chatting at the end of the evening. Congratulations go to Steve and his wife Cat on the birth of their third daughter Evie Joy who at the tender age of 4 days played the part of the baby Jesus in the Children's and Pet's service.

**Keith Sparrow** – Thank YOU for all you do to take this Annual Report 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!!!!

# 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 19th November

Carvery lunch followed by our Speaker

**Ms Daphne Skinnard**

Editor of Radio Cornwall who will talk about

**THE BBC AND ME!!!!**

Fuller details of this meeting and application forms for lunch will be mailed to you in the Autumn News Letter

