



**THE FRIENDS OF
TRURO CATHEDRAL**

NEWS
AUTUMN 2018

FRIEND'S AUTUMN MEETING 28th October 2018

12noon
Lunch

2.30pm

Speaker from Commonwealth War Graves Commission giving presentation on their work around the World where they look after 23,000 locations in more than 150 countries and territories and employ 850 gardeners



The Thiepval memorial commemorates more than 72,000 men of British and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave.



The Vimy memorial is Canada's largest overseas national memorial. It commemorates those Canadian Expeditionary Force members killed during the first world war.



The Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery was made after the Armistice by bringing together graves from the surrounding battlefields and nearby burial grounds. Around two-thirds of those buried died in 1918.

A REMEMBRANCE PRAYER

Remember Ypres, Gallipoli, the Somme, Mons and Verdun.

Remember the Western Desert, El Alamein, the Normandy beaches.

Remember Coventry, Dresden, Hiroshima and the Burma Road.

Remember Korea, the Falkland Islands, Northern Ireland, the Balkans,
East Timor, Afghanistan and the Gulf.

Remember the courage, the comradeship, the ingenuity, the spirit of working together for a common cause,
the planning together for a better world that would come with peace.

Remember the call to arms, the patriotic songs, the partings which were such sweet sorrow.

The sound of the drum, the skirl of the pipe, the prayer that God would be on our side.

Remember the carnage; the colossal horror of war.

Remember the widows of sixty years and more, the old men and women who never knew their fathers.

Remember the love that was lost, the wisdom wasted, the minds that are still pained by memories.

Remember the families bereft by recent wars and conflict.

Remember this day the children who will die while nation fights nation.

Remember the One who asked us to remember them.

Father remember us; and forgive us our sins against you and humanity.

Amen

(Adapted from material provided for Service Chaplains)

The Cathedral Staff.

Director of Operations

Head of Administration and Dean's PA

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Finance team

Development Team

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Music Department

Verger team

Shop

Restaurant

Ellen

Emma

Charmian, Hazel and Peb

Graham and Nicki

Liz, Ceri, Colin and Will

Kirsten

Chris and Joseph

Steve, Robert, Dan, Cat and Andrew

James and his team

Marilyn and her team

Plus your wonderful clergy!



President of the Friends Report – Autumn 2018

At the time of writing this article, the BBC announced that over the last year or so 800,000 people had switched off listening to the Today programme, Radio 4's flagship news programme for the mornings. Many had switched to Radio 3 where our very own Petroc Trelawny hosts a breakfast show. Who would have thought that classical music would gain ground on the news!

Several comments were made as to why this was the case; one being the perception that their Today more and more resembled an arts' magazine programme, whilst others were saying that the news was pretty bleak at the moment, and others still suggesting that the main interview, after the 8 o'clock news, was becoming a bit mundane.

Far be it from me to comment on the quality of the news or on the calibre of the interview, but, and call me an old cynic, the thing that strikes me is not the bleakness of the news, but its repetitiveness. Again you can read this how you want, but it seems to me that we are suffering from too much Brexit indigestion: let's face it, regardless of all the cobbled-together deals that are seemingly made on a weekly basis, it can't be just me who thinks that no-one really knows what's going on or what the final shape of the outcome will be. Every time I hear a politician say, and they say it with enervating regularity, 'the prime minister has made it clear,' I groan inwardly because clarity is the last thing that emerges from the fog.

From my point of view, it appears that we are making do and mending at the moment, trying to cobble something together we hope will work out in the fullness of time. If that seems cynical, then that is how I feel about the muddle we appear to be in. What seems to be missing from the political scene at the moment is a vision of what the future will be like. It doesn't seem that long ago when politics was fuelled by the clash of ideas, of real issues competing on the public domain. Love her or loathe her, what you cannot deny is that Margaret Thatcher sharpened the political debate by her political philosophy. Since Tony Blair stole her political clothes, both Labour and the Conservatives have been hovering over the same political ground, so much so that it is difficult to see where the next significant political idea is coming from.

Ideas are important. Having a philosophy that captures a vision of the world and what it should be like is also important. How we live our lives should not be a survival programme based on pragmatism and simply getting by, but should be fuelled by our beliefs, by what we think is important, and by that vision.

We are often told that religion and politics should not mix. If that means that the Church should not be central to the political life of the country, well that is certainly a subject of debate. Iran shows what happens when a theocracy – government run by clerics – is in power. But to suggest that politicians cannot be inspired by their faith is as fatuous as it is irresponsible. The fact is that most, if not all, politicians are inspired by something beyond the quotidian grind of daily life: Frank Field is a great example of someone inspired by their faith; the prime minister is a daughter of the vicarage, and we can think of countless other examples of this inspiration at the heart of our action. To me, this is something we should celebrate and not hide under the carpet of what we call a private view.

I realise that to call someone in public life a Christian is almost to accuse them of being a religious fanatic, although very few people call out and out inspirational religious figures, like Desmond Tutu, fanatics; it's just that we can't seem to recognise that the same motivating faith can cross boundaries and inhabit other spheres of public life other than the religious one. Actually, the Church is complicit in this; we very rarely talk about the activity of religious belief in non-churchy areas of life. We are far too churchy (and the drive, these days, to grow the church is a sign of this, as if the only way to recognise the vibrancy of the Christian faith in the world today is to see it in the pews of church buildings).

Which is all tantamount to saying that our faith should know no boundaries, or be confined to one context. We define our cathedral as being sacred space and common ground, and although we know that each of these phrases has a distinctive character, we really should not be saying that they are polar opposites: they are different faces of the same coin, recognising that there is a private and public dimension to our faith. If private is identified with what goes on in church, well I guess this will always remain so. But equally, it behoves us to proclaim that, beyond the churchiness of our lives, there is a public dimension to our faith that need not be apologetic in being an influence on the way things are run or the way that society is shaped. Re-introducing this narrative into the public sphere, and not being embarrassed about it, would certainly make a change from the endless greyness with which the Brexit negotiations seem to be clogging up the airwaves!

Roger Bush Dean of Truro Cathedral



Friends of Truro Cathedral Fundraising Team Report 2018

This year has been very difficult for the Fundraising Team as forces out of our control have conspired to prevent some of our events taking place.

In January we had planned for Dr Michael Tedder's talk, *The Duck With An Umbrella*, to take place on 31 January but Cornwall Council announced that was to be the date for The Festival of Lights. We therefore had to rearrange it and it will now be held on 17 October at 7pm in the Old Cathedral School. Our February event had to be postponed due to the inclement weather. Snow was forecast and the Gilbert and Sullivan singers, from Penzance and beyond, would not have been able to travel to Truro. It was worth waiting for and the event happened on 25 July, on a very hot evening, in the Chapter House Restaurant. It was well supported and proved an outstanding success.

On a rainy day in April, 29 of us boarded a coach to Kernow Chocolate Factory where we had an informative talk, a hot drink and a lot of tasty samples. We then travelled to St Eval Candle Factory before having lunch at Trelawney Garden Centre.



In May the Cathedral Offices moved to The Old Cathedral School. This move created a lot of decluttering and packing as the Friends prepared to move as well. It took a while to settle in and the monthly coffee mornings in May and June had to be cancelled. They are now held, on the second Wednesday of every month, in the Assembly Hall of the Old Cathedral School which is a much brighter and bigger space than the Pearson Room. The Friends table is in the Chapter House Restaurant every Wednesday morning (less the second Wednesday of the month), 10.00-11.30 for enquiries and the sale of tickets. Do join us for a cup of coffee if you are in town.

The Film Club recommences at 6.30pm in the Old Cathedral School on Friday 14 September with *Tea With Mussolini*. The programme for the season is varied with films to suit all tastes.

The Autumn Meeting is being held on **Sunday 28 October**. Should you wish to have lunch beforehand the cost will be £15. A short meeting commences at 14.15. This will be followed by a presentation at 14.30 by Rebecca Smith of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The first fundraising event of 2019 is taking place on **Wednesday 30 January** and is an evening with the St Mary's Singers. Ticket price will include refreshments. Full details can be found on the Friends website or on the notice board in the Cathedral.

Congratulations are extended to Peter Hewson who was awarded the St Piran's Cross.

Further details of all our events can be found on the Friends website:

www.friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk

Should you need to contact us please leave a message on our ansaphone, 01872 274986, or via email:

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On behalf of the Fundraising Team I would like to thank you for supporting our events and for being a Friend.

Angela Hare
Chair Fundraising Team

EVERY FRIEND SHOULD FIND A FRIEND TO BECOME A FRIEND

Friends Beetle Drive

Monthly Wednesday afternoon 3.00pm
Cathedral Restaurant

7th November
9th January
6th February
6th March

FILM CLUB 2018 – 2019

The Film Club meets in the Old Cathedral School once a month, starting at 6.30pm with drinks and nibbles, with the film starting at 7.00pm.

Annual membership fee £15 for the season.

14 September 2018	TEA WITH MUSSOLINI
12 October 2018	BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN
9 November 2018	REBECCA
7 December 2018	PADDINGTON TWO
11 January 2019	MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
9 February 2019	QUEEN OF THE DESERT
9 March 2019	CHICAGO



The Cathedral Shop

Due to relocation our Christmas Shop is now within the Cathedral shop. Why not drop in and see our extensive range of Nativity sets and pick up your Cathedral Christmas cards.

The 2019 Truro Cathedral Fundraising Calendar is now available and features beautiful images from around Cornwall. At only £4.99 its truly a sight for sore eyes!!

Your Friendly helpful Staff and volunteers are waiting to help you so why not drop in and browse the wide selection of exciting and unusual gifts.

Open Monday to Saturday 10 to 5.
Until Christmas.

News from the Shop Front.

Dear friends it gives me great pleasure in presenting the news from the Cathedral shop. We were very busy this year with all the Celebratory merchandise surrounding the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Megan. These sales went on well past the wedding day and were a great success for the shop.

We are not having a standalone Christmas shop this year as the space was needed for storage and instead are creating a Christmas Grotto within the existing shop. Whilst I am writing this our customers are enjoying our Christmas experience especially the countdown to Christmas which they find very amusing. Our Poppy range of Jewellery and china is still proving to be popular amongst visitors and locals alike especially the poppy pins with a donation to two charities.

I would also like to say a big thankyou to all the Volunteers that help in the shop and welcome the new Volunteers who have started with us this year.

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.

After such a glorious summer lets hope the winter is not too hard.

All the best

James Barker
Shop Manager

Guild of Lay Assistants Report

The Guild of Lay Assistants has seen two new members join our ranks since I last wrote for the Friends 2018 Annual Report, Caitlin Horsley and Naomi Carne. Longstanding Lay Assistant and Sunday evensong stalwart Wilf Warne has hung his badge up although he will still be around when needed.

David Adams has stepped down as Deputy Warden and an Assistant Warden with his successor being Beverley Hulme. I hope Beverley knows what she has let herself in for, Christmas is coming!

Another change is Richard Lingham has also stepped down as an Assistant Warden with Sonja Hooper taking over the reins of Team 3. Many thanks to all of you for all you have done and will continue to do.

In other news the Friends Council has commissioned enamelled identity medallions for the Guild. These are larger than our current plastic badges and will help to promote the Guild and their Mission within the Cathedral. They also bring us up to scratch with other Cathedrals that have them. Thank you to the Friends for your support in this matter.

There will be a Dedication to the Guild of Lay Assistants at the 10.00 am Service on Sunday 30th September when the new medallions will be presented. I do hope you will join us.

At the suggestion of the Canon Precentor a Lay Assistants' committee is to be formed to meet with members of Chapter to discuss factors effecting the Guild within the Cathedral. The feedback will help Chapter to support the Guild with their many varied activities.

Adam Starr
Warden



Friends Lunch

Sunday, 12 noon
28th October 2018

Menu

Mulled apple juice

Carvery (Beef & Lamb)
Vegetarian Option

Apple crumble or
Lemon meringue pie or
Fresh Fruit Salad

Tea or Coffee

£15.00 per head

Please advise of special needs when booking

Friends AGM will take place on Sunday 19th May 2019

Truro Cathedral Restaurant and Coffee Shop

We serve 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 lunches and parties.

For more information please contact the Restaurant Manager,
Marilyn Trevelyan Tel 01872 245011
e-mail MarilynTrevelyan@trurocathedral.org.uk





Words From Chairman

The thing I found at the AGM last year was that as the Chairman you get to speak last - and that almost certainly means that everyone else will have said anything that you might have come up with.

Here we go again then, as I join my voice with others in this publication, who celebrate the completion of our toilets and all that was contributed by the Friends to enable that completion. I am grateful too for those who have been helping us to navigate our way through the latest changes in legislation that have complicated our lives in terms of 'Gift Aid' and questions related to our managing of data. Also, I am ever grateful to those organising our on-going fundraising events that help the continuing life of the Cathedral, while creating a good deal of fun at the same time.

It is probably true to say that having the last word is not therefore the privilege it is sometimes made out to be but it does give the opportunity to offer a proper thank you for all that has gone before.

Thank you,
Canon Alan

Café on the Green

Take-away

Open Monday – Friday 8.30am-3.00pm for months Feb to Nov,
closed months of Dec and Jan and Bank Holidays

Serving Freshly made sandwiches

Salads and Cakes

Soup, Jacket Potatoes

Toasted Sandwiches/Paninis

Orders can be phoned in on 01872 276782 Ext 202 for collection

Personal note: I can fully recommend this as very much up to the very high standard of the restaurant much to the detriment of my slimming diet - Editor.

Friends of Truro Cathedral

Financial report as at the end of August 2018

Our accounts are in good shape, with £33,000 in our bank accounts and this after paying Chapter just over £127,000 for the toilet refurbishment. We have also paid £3500 for netting over the South porch.

The ever popular river cruise to St Mawes raised £606 profit, and the Gilbert and Sullivan evening raised £335. Unfortunately the trip to Altarnun has had to be postponed, but overall fund raising continues to make a large contribution to our finances.

Donations so far have amounted to £2372, a large amount of this coming from donations in memory of Muriel Tregarthen. Also, thanks go to Angela Hare who kindly paid for our new PC in the office.

In summary, a good year so far.

Martin Welton
Treasurer





Friends Autumn Event

Sunday 28th October 2018

10.00am – Sung Eucharist

12 noon – Lunch

2.15pm – Short Meeting

2.30pm – Presentation on behalf of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

By **Rebecca Smith**

CWGC Public Engagement Co-ordinator
(South West)



Gilbert and Sullivan evening in the Chapter House



Roberta's final appearance as Friends Secretary at AGM 2018

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Chapter and the Board of Truro Cathedral Ltd have withdrawn, with immediate effect (1st August 2018), the 10% discount offered to members who use the Restaurant and the Shop in the Cathedral. It was no longer economically viable for either the commercial arm of the Cathedral or the Friends charity itself to continue this generous concession. The Friends Council apologises that they could not give prior notice of this change but as a result of new Government Regulations introduced in April 2018 the financial cost to the Friends of any delay would have been too much.

