



THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL

Annual Report 2021

Friends

July 2021

Dear all,

I guess that it remains the case that the uncertainty that life has brought us these past 15 months or so is still not yet at an end. It has been a challenging time, certainly for me in a work context, the most challenging time I have ever faced, as we have continued to keep the great ship of Truro Cathedral afloat on stormy seas. At the beginning of the pandemic, we were helped greatly in that by the Friends giving to us £38,000 – in effect all the funds they had available at that time – not for a capital project, as would normally be the case, but simply to help in keeping us ship-shape.

With the help of that generosity and various grants - and the busy and dedicated people who applied for them – we have survived, and we are just beginning to look towards a more secure future – a future that will hopefully see the Cathedral full to capacity again, with various people on various occasions enjoying and benefitting from all it can offer.

As ever, my thanks to you - The Friends – for all you do in supporting our lives – I know already that in August the regular monthly coffee morning is back in the diary (11th) and I will continue to hope and pray that it can go ahead safely. I also hear that the annual boat trip is being planned again – another reason to hope that the stormy seas might be a little calmer.

In the midst of all of this I should have relinquished the Chair of the Friends to Adam Starr but the necessary meeting to formalise that never went ahead - so I have remained enthroned by default. I hope we may soon properly resolve that – as I hope he will then enjoy the support I have enjoyed in my time in the role.

We will continue to be grateful for all you do, as we continue to pray that 'normality' will soon be real and among us.

With every good wish,

Alan

Chairman, Friends of Truro Cathedral.

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His
hand.

FRIENDS AGM AND FESTIVAL DAY

Sunday 25th July 2021

Programme

10.00am – Sung Eucharist

12.00 noon – Lunch in Cathedral Restaurant (see booking form enclosed)

1.45pm – AGM

2.30pm - Talk by Sean O’Neill

(Cathedral Chief Operating Officer)

3.15pm - Tea and Biscuits

4.00pm – Choral Evensong

(Please be prompt for all timings so that we do not overrun into evensong)

Agenda for AGM

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of AGM 19th May 2019 (see Accounts leaflet included)

Chairman’s Report

Presentation Of Accounts for 2020

Election of Officers

Please Note

As they have been such a very good team, we are recommending that our Chairman and Vice Chairman (both having completed their allotted 3-year terms in current positions) should swap jobs i.e. Chairman Canon Alan Bashforth becoming Vice-Chairman and Vice Chairman Adam Starr becoming Chairman.

Ian Hare is retiring at the end of his term with our gratitude for all his hard work and inspiration. His wife Angela (Chair Fundraising Team) is happy to be nominated as Ian’s replacement on the Council. If there are any further nominations for this position, supported by two proposers, the new member will be decided by secret ballot.

2 members of Council are nominated for a second term of office as our Constitution allows.

Voting papers have been included with the Report in case the AGM cannot take place. Therefore, members can vote this year by personally attending the AGM OR by post/email to The Secretary before the AGM. Each member has just one vote.

The Secretary of the Friends of Truro Cathedral,
The Old Cathedral School, Cathedral Close, Truro TR1 2FQ

Friends of Truro Cathedral Fundraising Report

Due to covid-19, like so many organisations, we were unable to plan any events for 2020 and the beginning of the current year. Now we are coming out of lockdown which seems to have been never ending it is a relief to be able to look forward to planning a programme of events for the rest of the year.

Our first fundraising event will be the ever-popular Annual Fal River Cruise which is scheduled to take place on Monday 26 July 2021. Truro Belle will depart Worth's Quay (Truro Town Quay) at 6pm returning at 9.30pm with a 45 minutes stop at St Mawes. Tickets are £20 and £12 for children which includes a pasty. There is no bar on board but you are welcome to bring your own food and drink. There are toilet facilities on board. Tickets can be purchased by using the Booking Form which accompanies this Report. **Your place on board will be confirmed by telephone.**

We are also hoping to hold the first Friends Coffee Morning of the year, covid-19 restrictions permitting, on Wednesday 11 August 2021, 1000-1130, in the Assembly Hall of the Old Cathedral School and thereafter on the second Wednesday of every month. All are welcome.

In the Autumn we hope to hold a talk entitled Talking to Patients at Broadmoor by Richard Lingham on his experiences as an official visitor to Broadmoor Hospital where he had regular contact with patients such as Peter Sutcliffe and Ronnie Kray. Further details will be advertised in due course. Please keep an eye on our website.

It is also hoped that we will be able to commence Beetle Drives and The Film Club in September 2021 and again further details will follow.

All the above events will be found on our website www.friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk

Should you need to contact us please leave a message on our ansaphone 01872 274986 and we will call you back as soon as possible. Our email addresses are as follows:

info@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk / events@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk

membership@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk

The Fundraising Team would like to thank you for the support that you have given us in the past and hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

Our finances have suffered during covid-19 and we do need more Friends so I would encourage you all to introduce your friends to become our Friends!

Angela Hare
Chair Fundraising Team
July 2021

Autumn Festival Day, Sunday 7th November 2021

Last year our Autumn Festival Day had to be cancelled. Our intended speaker on the day was **Bishop Philip Mounstephen, The Bishop of Truro**

He has very kindly agreed to try again this Autumn.

**FRIENDS EVENING RIVER CRUISE TO St MAWES
ON THE TRURO BELLE
MONDAY JULY 26th, 6.00pm**

COME AND JOIN US for our annual River Boat Cruise from Worth's Quay, Truro (TR12HY) Departing at **6.00pm**, with a forty-five-minute stop in St Mawes, returning to Worth's Quay, Truro at 9.40 pm. Pasty supper included. **(Please be on time-boat times are ruled by tides)**

With social distancing rules the boat offers 35 places under cover. There are toilets available and a ramp for access. So do **BOOK EARLY** as tickets are likely to sell fast!

Cost of River Cruise including pasty of choice...£20 adult
£12 child.

As there is no bar on board, you are welcome to bring food and drink for your own consumption. Warm clothing is recommended.

We will have a list of passengers who are held in "Reserve" as, if COVID rules are lifted on 19th July, the boat can take up to 65.

We will let you know a.s.a.p. if your application has been successful, so please be sure to give your telephone number on your booking form.

**AGM FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH
SUNDAY JULY 25th, 12 noon
Cathedral Restaurant**

Welcoming choice of Buck's Fizz or Orange Juice

Cold Buffet - Salmon, cold meat
Hot Potatoes
Vegetarian/Vegan options

Dessert

Coffee or tea

£17-50 per person (booking form enclosed)

Book early as numbers may be limited – we will compile a Reserve list once limits are reached and contact you a.s.a.p. If in doubt ring The Secretary on 01872 571448

Truro Cathedral Restaurant

Current Opening times; Monday to Saturday **10.30 till 2.30**(closed Sunday)

Menu – good selection of hot food available **11.30 till 2.00**

Coffee/tea and cake