

Friends of Truro Cathedral

Autumn 2022



A LETTER FROM DEAN SIMON

One of my commitments to you and to the Diocese is about communication. I believe in regular, transparent and open communication. It is important that I 'keep you in the loop' during this coming year. I hope that you will find this helpful not least for your prayers.

Firstly, The Cathedral Chapter will be meeting this coming Thursday. This is an additional meeting. There will be some standard business items on their agenda.

Importantly, I will be releasing the External Review Findings Executive Summary and Full Report to Chapter members. This report is the academic property of Bishop Philip. Bishop Philip and I have discussed its release and its use at length. We have agreed that for the Chapter to plan and lead action and change, they must be able to read and discuss the findings.

The report will not be put out into the public domain. Please do not ask to see a copy of it. However, I will discuss with Bishop Philip and the Chapter how we communicate the key themes and areas for improvement and change that are highlighted in the reports. I believe this to be fair, appropriate and proportionate.

Over the coming month or so, Chapter will discuss the report and formulate an action plan. That plan will lead the work of Chapter for this year. It will address the recommendations and targets therein. When Bishop Philip releases his Visitation 'determinations,' these will be dovetailed into the plan.

Please pray for the Cathedral Chapter, for Godly wisdom and grace.

Secondly, The matter of the high altar and the podium altar. I will be meeting with Canon Simon, Canon Elly and Canon Alan to discuss this question. My aim and preference are that we reach a consensus on this matter. If we cannot, I will decide. When we have reached a decision, it will be communicated to you. Up until that point, I have determined that the High Altar will be used at every 10:00 Sunday Eucharist. I have informed the Canons of this decision and Canon Simon has informed the vergers and servers accordingly.

If you wish to express a view to me, please feel free to do so. Please pray for our discussions, for Godly wisdom and grace.

Thank you,

Dean Simon

(Interim Dean and Canon Missioner)



“Her Majesty The Queen Distributed the Royal Maundy
in This Cathedral 31 March 1994”

R.I.P. H. M. Queen Elizabeth II

FUNDRAISING REPORT – AUTUMN 2022

To celebrate the late **Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the 90th Anniversary of the Founding of the Friends** we held a strawberry cream tea on the afternoon of the 27th June 2022. The event was sold out with over 80 people attending. The programme started with light-hearted readings by Richard and Juliet Lingham interspersed with music played by Liz Brazier followed by the strawberry cream tea and the cutting of the celebratory cake by our guest of honour The High Sheriff of Cornwall, Andrew Williams. The event, including the raffle, raised £1,080.

Our **annual river trip** took place on the evening of Friday 15 July in glorious weather and was sold out. The boat cruised the Creeks which included Ruan, Pill, Cowlands and Coombe. The pasties were exceptionally tasty and enjoyed by all. The event, including the raffle, raised £760.

Due to popular demand we held a **Beetle Drive** on 6 October which was well supported and takings, including the raffle, raised £90.

Our last event of the year held on 4 November was a **talk** by Richard Lingham who described the challenging role of Broadmoor Hospital from the perspective of his work there as an official visitor and Tribunal member until 2012. His illustrated talk included images of the old premises and their recent replacements providing treatment for mentally disordered patients in highly secure conditions. He also spoke of his interactions with several well-known individuals detained there and of his contacts with Jimmy Savile who notoriously exploited his involvement as a volunteer at the hospital. This event raised in the region of £450+.

Coffee mornings have been held on the second Wednesday of every month and are well supported. On 14 December at 10am we will be **celebrating Christmas** with a seasonal coffee morning to which all are welcome. Mince pies, stollen and chocolates will be served with coffee, tea and biscuits and a glass of Christmas cheer to wash away the Winter Blues.

Details of our programme of fundraising events for 2023, when available, will be on the Friends of Truro Cathedral website: <https://www.friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk>

The Fundraising Team would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to thank you for the support you have given in 2022.

Angela Hare

Chair of Social and Fundraising Team

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Subscriptions

As foretold in the last Annual report, after a review, a proposal for an increase was put to the membership at the AGM in May and was subsequently passed. From 1st January 2023 the subscription fees will be:

Single £20

Joint £30

Single Life £300

Joint Life £450

Please can you arrange with your Bank to amend the amount of your standing order.

Good news – As a result of the receipt of legacies we have donated £10,000 to the Appeal for funding for repairs to the roof of St. Mary's Aisle. Currently the clergy are occasionally finding themselves standing in water to lead the Service.

Someone Does Care

I found God in the morning.

We just sat and talked.

I kept Him near me

Everywhere I walked

I called on God at noontime,

A heart filled with despair.

I felt His quiet presence,

I knew HE was there.

We met again at sunset,

The waning of the day,

I made Him happy

I had lived HIS way.

Then, when at bedtime I knelt,

Silently in prayer,

Again His gentle presence I felt,

“Someone does care”