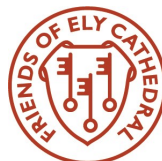
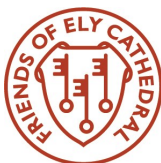


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August 2021



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THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Coronavirus has made the planned increase in Friends' subs inappropriate so minimum subscriptions stay unchanged for 2021.

Minimum annual subscriptions for 2021:

£15 single, £25 joint, £20 corporate, all were due on 1st January.

There is also a £5 fee for replacement Passes.

Subs have not increased since 2011 so extra payments and donations are very welcome.

Friends' Membership (Annual or Life) makes an unusual present. Friends are also welcome to change from Annual to Life membership.

For more information, or to check whether you have paid this year's subs, please contact Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer:

e-mail: sue.hunting@elycathedral.org

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL 'Friends' Day' Saturday, 18 September 2021

Sadly it does not seem advisable to have a Friends' Lunch this year — here's hoping for 2022. Whilst not essential it would help arrangements if you would let us know if you plan to attend the AGM.

2.30 Annual General Meeting in the South Transept

Guest Speaker: The Bishop of Huntingdon,
The Right Revd Dagmar Winter

4.15 Tea & Biscuits in the Lady Chapel

5.00 Friends' Festal Evensong

During Evensong there will be presentations of:

- i) **The Dean Hankey Memorial Prize:** presented to a chorister chosen by the Director of Music
- ii) **The Friends of Ely Cathedral Medallion:** presented to a chorister chosen by the Chapter, on the recommendation of the Director of Music.

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL
78th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, 18 September 2021 at 2.15pm

AGENDA

1. a) Prayers b) Welcome and Apologies
2. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Seventy-Seventh Annual General Meeting held, via Zoom, on Saturday, 26 November 2020 (circulated to all Friends in the 2020 Yearbook)
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
4. **Chairman's Report: The Dean**
5. **Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Richard Setchell** (see overleaf)
 & Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2020
6. **Report from Chair of Council: Mr Edward Gifford**
7. **Friends' Officer's Report: Mrs Sue Hunting**
8. **Election of Council Members**

Thanks are due to those Council members who are retiring this year. Nominations for Council (proposed and seconded by Friends) should be given to the Friends' Officer in writing no later than Friday, 10 September. If necessary there will be an election (see overleaf).

9. Requests for Grants

Cathedral Lighting:

'The Friends of Ely Cathedral Council proposes spending the Johnson Clark legacy on new lighting in the Cathedral.'

It is hoped that there will be an electronic presentation about the new lighting scheme before the vote on the proposal.

10. Any Other Business

Any motion to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting must be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by Friday, 10 September 2021.

Registered Charity No. 1157705

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Well, this was a year like no other with social activities severely curtailed and Friends' support for the Cathedral predominately covid related. However despite this the Friends had another satisfactory year from a financial point of view.

The accounts have been uploaded on to the Ely Cathedral website :
www.elycathedral.org/friends

Total income was £156,457 (2019 - £80,364). This comprises subscriptions, donations, legacies and gift aid claims on subscriptions of £111,712 (2019 - £32,701), investment income and interest of £36,520 (2019 - £35,852). The balance of the income, £8,225 (2019 - £11,811) is gross income, before expenses, of fund raising activities (see also below). The sharp increase in total income is attributable to legacy income of £73,976 of which there was none in 2019.

Total net fund raising income in the year was £5,964 (2019 - £6,424). There was just one social activity in the year (before lockdown) – the Broderers Talk in March which raised £196. The balance of the fund raising income was from the sale of merchandise - advent calendars, note cards, shopping bags and in particular Christmas cards. Christmas cards were successfully sold by mail order and sales of £7,432 were the highest since we began this source of fund raising in 2010.

Total expenditure, excluding gifts to Ely Cathedral and costs associated with fund raising activities, increased by £468 to £22,207.

Gifts to Ely Cathedral were £50,305 compared to £121,681 in 2019. Covid related gifts were livestreaming and streaming equipment costs of £19,000 and personal protection equipment of £5,000. In addition we committed to purchase a clavino and small grand piano (£22,000) and a further contribution to disability access ramps outside the Lady Chapel (£10,000). Previous expenditure commitments not now required totalled £5,695.

The value of the charity's investments increased in the year by £68,709.

The net assets of the charity at 31 December 2020 were £1,373,598 - an increase in the year from £1,223,255. Of this £1,204,069 was the ring fenced designated fund, leaving £169,529 general funds.

The accounts were approved by council on 5 July 2021 and it will be proposed at the AGM that they be adopted.

Turning to the current year, social activities continue to be severely curtailed and the principle expected fund raising income for the year will once again be from Christmas cards.

Subscription income has fallen, in the 6 months to June it was about £1,300 less than to June 2020. There are a number of factors affecting this and council will be monitoring the situation.

Two legacies have been received totalling just over £284,000. One of the legacies (£215,915) has been added to the ring fenced fund for exceptional expenditure. This fund may be required to support a potential project and this will be discussed at the forthcoming AGM.

Richard O Setchell, Honorary Treasurer, July 2021

NOMINATIONS for Friends' Council

There are two Friends' Council vacancies to be filled at the AGM.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with The Friends (as a Trustee of the charity) then please contact Sue Hunting or Ed Gifford (sue.hunting@elycathedral.org or edwardgifford02@gmail.com) for more information.

Nomination forms are available from Sue Hunting (email or hard copy) and should be returned to the Friends' Office by Friday, 10 Sept 2021

Please also send a paragraph about yourself to the Friends' Office by 10 September. This will be circulated at the AGM, in the event of an election, and should explain your interest in, and involvement with, The Friends and outline what qualities you could bring to the Council.

SPECIAL FRIENDS' EVENT

Piano Recital

Edmund Aldhouse & Glen Dempsey

*Following our very successful event in June here is
another performance for The Friends on the
Cathedral's new Boston Grand Piano*

Tuesday, 5 October

7.00 for 7.30pm in the Presbytery

**Programme yet to be confirmed — but we hope
that duets will be allowed this time**

Interval drinks will be under the Octagon (hopefully)

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£6** (minimum)
and _____ Guest tickets at **£8** (minimum)

I enclose a cheque / cash for _____
payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' **and an SAE**

Names of attendees:

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail: _____ ☎ Tel no: _____

Please return with SAE to: Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,
The Chapter House, The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

Tickets are only available (in advance) from The Friends' Office.

FRIENDS' ORDER FORM (see back page info too)

Please note: All Christmas Cards are in Packs of 10 with the greeting
'With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year'

	Price	Quantity	Total £
NEW Christmas Card (painting) 'Winter Sunset at Ely Cathedral' by John Sansom	£6/pack	_____	_____
Christmas Card (illustration) 'Next stop Ely Cathedral' by Debbie Bellaby	£6/pack	_____	_____
Christmas Card (photo) 'Ely Cathedral in the snow' by Simon Stirrup	£6/pack	_____	_____
Blank Notecards (pack of 6) Two designs, photos by Andrew Sharpe	£4/pack	_____	_____
Friends' Bags, heavy duty canvas Octagon Design (cream & navy) by Lisa Gifford	£6 each	_____	_____
TOTAL			_____
Post & Packing (special offer)			£3.00
Donation to 'The Friends' (appreciated)			_____
TOTAL AMOUNT			_____

I enclose a cheque for the Total Amount (payable to The Friends of Ely Cathedral)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NAME (please print): _____

Full Address _____

E-mail: _____ ☎ Tel no: _____

Please return this form with your cheque to:

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Orders will be despatched from late Sept – please allow 2 weeks for
delivery. They can also be collected from the Chapter House.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Following the success of selling our Cards by mail order in 2020 we are repeating the idea this year. Please support us if you can.

This year's card is 'Winter Sunset at Ely Cathedral' - a lovely painting by Revd John Sansom. We are keeping our price the same at £6 for 10 cards. Other designs are also available.

Sample cards can be provided on request and all the images can be seen on our webpage:

www.elycathedral.org/friends

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Cards will also be available from the Friends' Stall at the Cathedral Christmas Fair — which we hope will be real as well as virtual this year. The Fair will be held from Weds 17th (preview) to Sat 20th November and of course we shall be needing Friends' volunteers to help man the stall and sell our Cards.

If you would be willing to help on the stall please let Sue Hunting know by the middle of October.

We look forward to hearing from you — all profits from the sale of our merchandise go to the Cathedral either via The Friends or, if items are bought from the Cathedral Shop, the profit is split between the Shop and the Friends.

Please support us if you can!

2021 YEARBOOK

Articles etc for the next Yearbook are very welcome and should be sent to the Friends' Office by 1st December. As usual in January/February we shall also be looking for 'envelope stuffers' and for hand deliverers to help save postage! **Please let us know if you are willing to help by 'stuffing' or by delivering in your local area!**