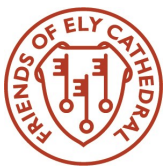
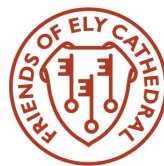


# The Friends of Ely Cathedral



## Newsletter



February 2020

### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Many thanks to Friends who have already paid their 2020 subscriptions.

If you have **not yet paid or renewed your membership** with the **correct subscription for 2020** please send a cheque or standing order to the Friends' Office asap, address below. Membership Forms with Standing Order and Gift Aid sections are available from our webpage, the Cathedral Admission Desks, the Friends' Cathedral Noticeboard and the Friends' Office.

If the correct subscription is not paid then membership is not renewed, Passes are cancelled and Friends removed from our mailing list. We do not like doing this but it is sometimes necessary.

### Annual minimum subscriptions for 2020:

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

There is also a £5 fee for replacement Passes.

**NB Subs have not increased since 2011 and payments above the minimum are encouraged.**

**Please consider increasing your contribution.**

Thank you for your support of The Friends - we hope you will enjoy reading both the Yearbook and this Newsletter and that we shall see you at some of our events this year.

In case of query please contact the Friends' Office:

*The Chapter House, The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL*

*e-mail: [friends@elycathedral.org](mailto:friends@elycathedral.org) ☎ 01353 660348*

*[www.elycathedral.org/friends](http://www.elycathedral.org/friends)*

# THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

## FRIENDS' DATES 2020

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### **Advance Notice:** *(full details in Summer Newsletter)*

Sat 26 Sept: Friends' Festival Day & AGM  
Thurs 12 - Sat 14 Nov: Friends' Stall at Cathedral Christmas Fair  
Weds 25 Nov: Friends' Social with Quiz

The Friends' Council will meet in April, June & Oct, please let Council members (or Sue Hunting) know of any items you would like discussed.

**Communications from The Friends:** Apologies if you didn't receive your Summer Newsletter 2019 as usual. We discovered in late Autumn that there had been a problem with the mailing — and some Friends did not receive their emailed versions. Our database is being examined and reviewed and this should not happen again. You may like to note that our Newsletters are always available to read, and/or download, from our webpage, this is also useful if you misplace your hard copy. Please tell us if your email has changed or you are new to email!

## ***NEW FRIENDS' EVENING***

*The 2020 New Friends Evening will be held on  
**Monday, 15 June** and everyone who has joined The Friends  
since June 2019 is warmly invited.*

*Individual invitations will be sent out nearer the time but  
new Friends may like to make a note of the date now!*

## ***From the Chairman of Council - - - -***

Welcome to the 2020 Friends of Ely Cathedral Newsletter, which includes details of our exciting programme of varied events for the next six months. We do hope that you will be able to support us and attend as many as possible.

We continue to work hard to provide this programme so that The Friends can assist the Cathedral in the advancement of its religious, pastoral, musical and educational work, which includes the preservation of the fabric. We are always extremely pleased to welcome new Friends to the organisation so please encourage your family and friends to join. The benefits are really most rewarding.

May I personally wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and I look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral.

With my very best wishes

***Ed Gifford***

## ***From the Friends' Officer - - - -***

Hello and welcome! Further to what Ed has said can I point out that we have a record number of events planned for the next few months. Please help ensure that they are all successful!

We have a real mix this time- - with visits to Turners and Cambridge Mosque, an afternoon talk by Linda Joel on The Broderers' Group as well as a special event for the launch of 'Heaven and Earth' and our summer social 'Puddings and Prosecco'. This was highly successful in 2018 and will again be held in the Bishop's Marquee. Please get your tickets early!

This year's Friends' Outing is to Grantham, and in particular to St Wulfram's Church. You may ask why? The answer is that we have already visited most Cathedrals within 2 hours' travel of Ely and St Wulfram's, whilst a parish church, is very special. It is large, has one of the tallest spires in the UK and still has a mediaeval chained library. Well worth visiting! Full details are on Page 8.

Please copy forms or download another copy if you don't want to cut the pages of this Newsletter. As usual the next Newsletter (Summer 2020) will be sent electronically where possible. All our documents & information are also on the Friends' page of the Cathedral website:

[www.elycathedral.org/friends](http://www.elycathedral.org/friends)

We hope to see you soon! Please say hello if you are visiting and see me around the Cathedral!

Best wishes,

***Sue Hunting***

## FRIENDS' VISITS

### Turners of Soham: 25 March, 6.15 for 6.30pm

We have arranged a Tour of Turners at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 25 March. Places are limited to 25 so priority is being offered to Friends who attended the AGM in Sept 2019. There is a charge of £5 /head. We shall meet at Turners at 6.15pm, they have a large car park.

The tour takes in three key operations at the site, packaging, cold store and traffic/planning operations. There is an element of standing and walking (approx. 400 metres) so attendees need to be physically fit. The evening will end at about 9.30pm

**If you wish to attend please email the office to check availability** before completing the form on Page 5 and returning it with your payment (reserved places but no tickets for this event).

### Cambridge Mosque: 23 April, 11.45 for 12 noon

We have arranged a Friends' Visit to Cambridge Mosque on Thursday, 23 April at 12noon. 50 places are available but again we expect this to be very popular. There is a charge of £6 per head. The Mosque is in Mill Road, Cambridge with a large underground car park where, in the morning, there is usually space to park. There is also a cafe.

We shall meet at the Mosque at 11.45am and the Tour (an hour) will begin promptly at noon. It starts in the Islamic garden and goes through to the entrance hall and adjoining rooms. The 'Wudu' or ablution areas will also be visited before guests are taken through to the main prayer hall and gallery.

*NB Out of respect for this place of worship, adult visitors are requested to observe modest dress that covers their arms and legs. Women will be asked to cover their heads before entering the prayer hall, so please bring a scarf with you. All visitors will be asked to remove their shoes at the entrance. If visitors are unable to remove their shoes for any reason, shoe covers can be provided.*

**If you wish to attend please complete the form on Page 5 and return it, with payment, to The Friends' Office.** Places will be confirmed by email (reserved places but no tickets for this event).

## **TURNERS OF SOHAM REPLY SLIP Weds 25 March, 6.15pm**

(no tickets will be issued but reserved places confirmed by email / phone)

There are only 25 places for this visit and priority will be given to those Friends who attended the AGM in 2019. If there is great demand it may be possible to arrange another visit in Autumn 2020.

**Please email Sue Hunting ([sue.hunting@elycathedral.org](mailto:sue.hunting@elycathedral.org)) to confirm availability before sending your cheque.**

I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_ Friend places at £5 each for 25 March

I understand that we shall meet at Turners at 6.15 for 6.30pm and confirm I can stand during talks, walk 400 metres and climb stairs.

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and/or phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CAMBRIDGE MOSQUE REPLY SLIP Thurs 23 April, 11.45am**

(no tickets will be issued but reserved places confirmed by email / phone)

There are 50 places for this visit. If there is great demand it may be possible to arrange another visit in Autumn 2020.

**If applying after 1 March please email to confirm availability before sending your cheque. ([sue.hunting@elycathedral.org](mailto:sue.hunting@elycathedral.org))**

I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_ Friend places at £6 each for 23 April

I understand that we shall meet at Cambridge Mosque at 11.45 for 12noon and that I have noted the requirements for dress.

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and/or phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

## FRIENDS' EVENTS

### **'The Broderers of Ely Cathedral': 9 March, 2.00 for 2.30pm**

This is a unique opportunity to hear Linda Joel talk about the Cathedral Broderer's Group and the skilled work and restoration that they are carrying out on Cathedral vestments and frontals. The afternoon will be held in Ely Cathedral Centre and Linda is hoping to bring some special items to show us.

The price is £6 Friends, £8 Guests, to include tea and cake, and tickets are available using the form on Page 7 or from the Cathedral Box Office (after 14 Feb).

### **Launch Event for 'Heaven and Earth': 15 May, 6.30pm**

Following the fantastic success of the Moon Installation in the Cathedral in 2019 The Friends happily offered to sponsor 'The Earth' for the 2020 exhibition 'Heaven and Earth'. All Friends are invited to the Official Opening of this display, and a Drinks Reception under the Octagon, on Friday, 15 May at 6.30pm. This is an opportunity to be amongst the first in Ely to see 'The Earth' and be overwhelmed by its appearance in the Nave. A sight not to be missed!

Places are free but need to be booked by sending an RSVP — email or post — to Sue Hunting by 30 April. See below.

The Official Opening will be preceded by a special Evensong at 5.30pm at which all are welcome.

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### **'HEAVEN AND EARTH' REPLY SLIP**

(no tickets will be issued but reserved places confirmed by email / phone)

Please email this info or return this slip to Sue Hunting by 30 April

I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the Official Opening of 'Heaven and Earth' on Friday, 15 May at 6.30pm.

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and/or phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIENDS' AFTERNOON**

# **'The Broderers' Group of Ely Cathedral'**

**with Linda Joel**

**Monday, 9 March**

**2.00pm for 2.30pm in Ely Cathedral Centre**

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Friend tickets at **£6** each  
and \_\_\_\_\_ Guest tickets at **£8** each  
(to include tea and cake)

I enclose a cheque 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 this form **& SAE** to: Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,  
The Chapter House, The College,  
ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

*Tickets can also be bought via the Cathedral Box Office (after 14 Feb)  
(01353 660349) Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm*

# **FRIENDS' OUTING: Thursday, 4 June 2020**

## **To: St Wulfram's Church, Grantham**

- 8.40am** Leave Barton Rd Car Park, Ely (NB long term parking after 8.30)  
**10.30 - 10.45** Arrive St Wulfram's, Coffee & Cake on arrival  
**11.15 - 12.45** Guided Tours of Church, including Library  
**12.45** Free time with optional Guided Walk around Grantham  
**4.00** Leave Grantham **6.00ish** Arrive back in Ely

St Wulfram's Church is one of the largest mediaeval churches in the country with a spectacular spire. Visitors can go up to the Chained Library and down to the Crypt Chapel. The windows, with wonderfully varied tracery, contain fine Victorian and modern glass.

Following the success of previous Outings we have again left the afternoon free for people to choose their own activities.

**Lunch:** There are numerous cafes, pubs and restaurants in Grantham. The Angel and Royal is one of the oldest surviving English Inns and the present building is 600 years old. It serves sandwiches at lunchtime and afternoon tea all day!

Wyndham Park (8 mins walk) is a good picnic place and has a tearoom, sensory garden and riverside walk. If the weather is bad lunch can be eaten in the Church.

**Afternoon Options:** There are plenty of things to see and do in Grantham. Isaac Newton attended school & Margaret Thatcher was born here! Both feature in Grantham Museum which is open on Thursdays.

Grantham Civic Society has kindly offered us a Guided Walk around the town for a small additional donation. Please indicate if you are interested.

For more information about Grantham see:

[www.visitoruk.com/Grantham/exporelincolnshire.co.uk](http://www.visitoruk.com/Grantham/exporelincolnshire.co.uk)

[www.wyndhamparkgrantham.org.uk/](http://www.wyndhamparkgrantham.org.uk/)

**COST: The cost of the day is £25 Friends / £28 Guests to include coach, coffee and guided tour of St Wulfram's Church.**

The application form is on Page 9. Please reply asap and definitely by 21 April. Last year we had a waiting list & hope for similar support this time!

*Payment is by cheque & SAE only, not via the Cathedral Box Office.*

*Confirmation of places will be sent after 21 April.*



## FRIENDS' OUTING to Grantham: Thurs 4 June

I wish to reserve:

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend places @ **£25**

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest places @ **£28**

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' and **an SAE** (for confirmation of place or return of cheque if insufficient numbers by 21 April).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ ☎ Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am/We are interested in the Civic Society Guided Walk around Grantham for a small additional donation: Yes / No

### IMPORTANT

Please provide details of a contact who should be rung in the event of an emergency. Do you have any health or mobility problems that the organizers should know about? (in confidence)

Name of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical info: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this **form, cheque and SAE** to:

Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,  
The Chapter House, The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

*Places for this event cannot be reserved via the Box Office.*

## **FRIENDS' EVENT**

# **'Puddings & Prosecco'**

**in the Bishop's Marquee**

**Friday 26 June, 6.30/7.00—10.00pm**

We are fortunate to have the use of the Bishop's Marquee on 26 June for another special Friends' Summer Social.

There will be 'Puddings & Prosecco' (& soft drinks), background music and a chance to enjoy the Bishop's Garden and Rose Garden.

A similar event was very successful in 2018 and we have been asked to repeat it. We look forward to an enjoyable summer evening in a beautiful setting.



Evensong will be sung, as usual, at 5.30pm, all are welcome.

**Tickets: £12 Friends, £15 Guests**

We should also be grateful for any offers of 'Puddings'

This event is bound to be popular and we suggest you buy your tickets early since numbers are limited!

*Tickets available from the Friends' Office (see facing Page) or the Cathedral Box Office (after 14 Feb) 01353 660349 Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm*

*Please copy or download forms if you don't want to cut the pages.*

**FRIENDS' EVENT**

# **'Puddings & Prosecco'**

**in the Bishop's Marquee**

**Friday 26 June, 6.30/7.00—10.00pm**

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Friend tickets at **£12** each

and \_\_\_\_\_ Guest tickets at **£15** each

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' **and an SAE**

**I am willing to bring a pudding: Yes / No** (please indicate)

Names of attendees:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form **& SAE** to: Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,  
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*Tickets can also be bought via the Cathedral Box Office (after 14 Feb)  
(01353 660349) Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm*

**Please make sure you remember to include an SAE if you are ordering any tickets from the Friends' Office. Thank you!**

## **ELY CATHEDRAL PRESENTS:**

# **CROWNS & GOWNS — AN EXHIBITION**

1 February- 15 March 2020

A fabulous collection of costumes, jewels, props, behind the scenes footage and memorabilia from some of the major Hollywood movies filmed at Ely Cathedral.

This fascinating exhibition will showcase some of the most iconic gowns and outfits from *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, *The King's Speech*, *Macbeth* and *The Crown*.

These movies brought global award winning actors to the Cathedral including Cate Blanchett, Scarlett Johansson, Natalie Portman, Michael Fassbender, Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush.

### **Tickets:**

£8 – Standard Cathedral Admission fee

£5 – Concessions

£5 – Cathedral Pass Holders and Sunday Entrance

Children under 16 free (*when accompanied by a paying adult*)

Online: [www.elycathedral.org/boxoffice](http://www.elycathedral.org/boxoffice)

By phone: 01353 660349 (Mon — Sat 10am to 4pm)

In person: Box Office at South Door (Mon — Sat 10am to 4pm)

### **Exhibition Opening Times:**

Monday – Saturday: 9:30am – 4pm

Sunday: 12noon – 4pm

### **Please check website for amendments or specific closures**

Ely Cathedral is open from 7:00am – 6:30pm (Mon – Sat)  
and 7:00am – 5:00pm (Sun)