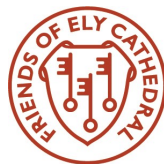


The Friends of Ely Cathedral Newsletter



May 2021

Greetings from Ely! Keeping in touch has been difficult during the pandemic but we hope you are well and that things are getting back to some sort of normal for you. We send our warmest wishes and are pleased to send you news from Ely.

This Newsletter replaces the usual January Newsletter and accompanies the 2020 Yearbook.

Please see inside:

Subscription Reminder — *have you paid for this year yet?*

Friends' Events - both very special

24 June: Piano Recital

1 July: Launch Event for 'Explore Planet Earth'

Advance Notice: Friends' Day & AGM will be on Sat. 18 Sept

We hope to be able to have our usual pattern of lunch, followed by the AGM and Guest Speaker. Further details to follow in July (email).

Several Council Members are likely to retire in September and new Trustees will be needed! Please contact Sue Hunting or any Council Member if you are interested in playing a bigger role in The Friends.

NB EMAIL: If you have email please make sure we have your correct e-address by sending your name, email & postcode to sue.hunting@elycathedral.org

Some Friends have not yet provided email details whilst others have changed addresses and their emails bounce! We shall continue to send hard copy Yearbooks (& hard copies of Newsletters if necessary) but extra or short-notice notifications need to be sent by email.

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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.

Annual minimum 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

Launch Evening of 'Explore Planet Earth'

Thursday, 1 July at 6.30pm

Friends are invited to this special drinks reception and launch evening for GAIA, the long awaited Planet Earth artwork.

After the success of The Moon in 2019 The Friends are happy to sponsor Planet Earth & hope it attracts many visitors to the Cathedral.

There will be a Drinks Reception for Friends at 6.30pm on Thurs 1 July.

GAIA is a stunning art installation depicting Planet Earth by UK artist Luke Jerram. It will be suspended above the Nave and measures seven metres (23 feet) in diameter. Featuring 120dpi detailed NASA imagery, each centimetre of the internally lit sculpture portrays 18km of the Earth's surface. A specially made surround sound composition by BAFTA award winning composer Dan Jones will also be played alongside the installation.

Launch Evening Places are free (donations welcome) but need to be booked in advance.

RSVP by email or letter to Sue - sue.hunting@elycathedral.org
(postal address as on front page, phone messages are difficult as I am still working mainly from home.)

SPECIAL FRIENDS' EVENT

Piano Recital

Edmund Aldhouse & Glen Dempsey

*Inaugural performance on the Cathedral's new
Boston Grand Piano (funded by The Friends)*

Thursday, 24 June

7.00 for 7.30pm in the Presbytery

**Programme to include Beethoven, Chopin,
Rachmaninov & Schubert — with duets if allowed**

Interval drinks will be in the Courtyard (weather permitting)

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 by 14 June 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.
Payment by BACS can be arranged for those without cheques!*

