

To all Incumbents and PCC Secretaries from the Archdeacons

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Dear Friends,

Cathedral Pilgrim Porch

We are writing about an exciting opportunity for your church to be permanently represented in a major new feature at Chester Cathedral.

2022 is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, and the installation of the new Pilgrim Porch to enhance the West Door entrance to Chester Cathedral is being planned for June, to celebrate the Jubilee. Artist Stephen Broadbent has designed a beautiful entrance that will incorporate images from, we hope, every church in the diocese, etched into the glass and shaped into a labyrinth. You can see from the attached paper the way the porch is intended to look.

Time is short and so we are asking that every church develop their ideas as soon as they can. You can see in the attached paper the instructions you need to follow. Essentially, you need to decide on what image might represent your church, provide two quality images showing the detail and context and then send them to Stephen together with some background, for an accompanying website, that explains why you have chosen the image you have. There is more detail in the paper together with six worked examples to give you inspiration.

One important point is that the design will include not only parish churches, but also other established church settings in the diocese. It will therefore include all buildings listed in the Diocesan Yearbook. So, if your parish has more than one building listed, please include a contribution from each one.

Please can you have the images with Stephen before the end of February at the very latest so that the doors can be in place for the Jubilee celebrations in early June?

Thank you for your help,

Ian and Mike

