



Friends of Bradford Cathedral

**Newsletter
Autumn 2016**

Letter from the Chairman

Dear Friends

We're just about to embark on the August Bank Holiday weekend as I write this and, true to form, the British weather can't make up its mind what to do! 'Twas ever thus!

This is quite a full Newsletter – there seems to be a lot going on! You'll find news of the trip to York in June, supremely well organised by Monica Slocombe, with photos as well. There are also pictures of the "Stitching the Cathedral" project and an update on progress there.

There is news too of the remainder of this year's programme and our plans for 2017. In particular, may I encourage you to join us for our popular Annual Lunch on Sunday, October 16th? This year, we are going to the Rendezvous Hotel, near Skipton, continuing our practice of alternating between Bradford and further afield. As usual, there is a form for you to fill in to indicate your menu choices: please send this to the Cathedral Office together with your cheque for the full amount. The hotel is on the A6131 between Kildwick and Skipton – and there is plenty of parking!

Kildwick is the venue for our regular Parish Visit this year, on September 18th. St. Andrew's, Kildwick, is known as the "Lang Kirk o' Craven" because of the enormous length of the church! We shall have a guided tour of the building (beginning at 2.30) before partaking of tea and homemade scones in the Parish Rooms. The Vicar, Revd Robin Figg, will lead a service of Evening Prayer to complete our visit. Again, do please come and join us if you can.

Next year's programme is just about finalised. Perhaps the main event (and therefore that which needs most planning!) is an overnight trip to London to visit St Paul's Cathedral and to meet up with Dean David Ison. The exact date is not finalised yet, but will either be Monday to Tuesday, 4/5 September or Wednesday to Thursday, 6/7 September. The plan is to leave Bradford on the morning of Day 1, visiting "something" on the way down before reaching our hotel for dinner.

We shall then travel into London the following morning for coffee with Dean David and (we hope) some of the Friends of St. Paul's.



There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral and the opportunity to attend a service of Holy Communion if we wish. After lunch (which we'll probably find for ourselves) we shall leave the Cathedral and embark on one more venture (a trip on the River Thames?) before returning to Bradford.

Clearly, we can't organise this unless we can be sure that it's a viable trip in terms of numbers. We need at least 30 people to make it work, using a 32 or 35 seater coach and staying outside London for one night's dinner, bed and breakfast. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed form and return it to me at the address shown.

Alternatively, you can email me at jill@woodchipcomputers.co.uk to express your interest, putting the information from the form in the body of your email. I really hope we can get this off the ground, so let me know as soon as possible if you're interested, please.

Do please take time to read the Newsletter – as I said, it's a busy one this time! I look forward to meeting you at various times during the next few months – do please let us know especially about the Annual Lunch and the proposed trip to London.

With warm good wishes and thanks for your Friendship

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Wajter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a blue horizontal line.

Chairman, Friends of Bradford Cathedral

A Visit to York



A group of Friends of Bradford Cathedral had a very early start one Wednesday in June as they set off to York.

The Friends were accompanied by some members of the Cathedral congregation and their first stop was a visit to Bar Convent. This is one of the oldest working convents and has been a convent school for girls for almost 500 years. The convent, in Nunnery Road near the railway station, is an old building that dates back to the time of Henry VIII and the reformation.



It had to be hidden away during the Tudor reformation, and it was amazing to learn about the dedication and ingenuity of the women who ran the convent and school. Nowadays, as well as being a Catholic girls boarding school it is also a hotel open to the public.

After spending some time in the excellent exhibition of the history of the Convent, we had a very good lunch here ("Well worth the money!" said one member of the group).



In the afternoon the group went on to Bishopthorpe Palace on the banks of the river Ouse. Bishopthorpe is the home as well as the administrative base for the Archbishops of York.

An excellent tour was led by a knowledgeable (and multi-tasking!) guide who was very informative about the life and the history of the palace.



We were shown in to the State apartments on the ground floor and in the homely drawing room we saw the portraits of all the former Archbishops. Our

tour of the Palace ended with a cream tea (think of the arteries!) and then some leisure time in the gardens. These have extensive lawns to the rear of the building leading down to the River Ouse. Despite the inclement weather in many parts of Yorkshire, the weather gods were clearly smiling on us as we enjoyed the sunshine!

The journey home was a little less fortunate. An accident on the A64 meant that we returned slightly late to Bradford via Wetherby.

On behalf of the 21 members who attended I would like to thank Monica Slocombe for organising yet another wonderful and interesting day.

Rosamund M. Gray and Monica Slocombe

Persuade a friend to become a Friend!

We are always keen to welcome new members – and the more Friends that we have, the more we can do! Pick up a leaflet in the Cathedral or download one from the website at <http://bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk/docstore/FriendsLeaflet.pdf>

Programme 2017

I hope that we'll be able to finalise and then circulate next year's programme very soon, but here are some dates which you can already put in your diary!

The date of the AGM has had to be altered from that which we originally circulated and it will now be on May 7th at 2.00pm in the Cathedral. As always, we'll have refreshments afterwards and I hope you'll be able to join the congregation for Choral Evensong at 4.00pm

We hope to organise a Parish Visit to St. Stephen's Bowling in June – they are doing a lot of really good community work there. There's the trip to London in September, our Annual Lunch on October 16th and the Cathedral Day on December 6th.

So really, you don't have an excuse for not being with us! We really value your company and your ideas, so do come and join in as many of our activities as you are able.

Cathedral Day 2017

We've already booked the date for our Cathedral Day next year!

You'll remember that we've included this event for the last few years: it helps us to get to know our Cathedral better and to work out how we can support and promote it.

On December 6th, we'll follow the pattern we've adopted previously, beginning with joining the Cathedral Community at a service of Holy Communion at 10.15. Also part of the plan is lunch, before we listen to the regular organ recital which we hope will be a part of the new Musical Director's plan!

After that, we shall break new ground for us as a group, thanks to suggestions made by Friends. We are delighted to welcome the Revd Paul Booth, who (as many of you will know) is a Chaplain at the Cathedral. Paul will help us to explore a little of what Advent "waiting" might be about, using a variety of practical resources.

Put the date in your diary now and come and join us for the day. You'll be very welcome.

A Trip to London

We are planning a visit to London for 2017

The outline plan is that we'll travel south by coach on Day 1 and visit an attraction on our way. That may be a stately home – or some gardens – or something similar. Just where hasn't been decided yet.

We'll arrive at our hotel for dinner, bed and breakfast. This will be outside London – but within easy reach of the city for Day 2.

On Day 2, we will be welcomed with coffee at St Paul's by Dean David Ison. This will be followed by a tour of the Cathedral. The Library has a Tyndale Bible (1526) and St Paul's Psalter (1125). (Joseph Wisdom, the librarian, is a treat!) Also there is the Great Model, created by Wren to introduce his original design for the new cathedral.

There will be the option of Holy Communion before leaving for a final venture – maybe a boat trip on the river – before returning to our coach for the drive north.

The exact date is not finalised yet, but will either be **Monday to Tuesday, 4/5 September** or **Wednesday to Thursday, 6/7 September**.

Clearly, we can't embark on this without sufficient expressions of interest. Of course, families and friends will be welcome! Will you please either fill in the form below - or include the information requested in an email to **jill@woodchipcomputers.co.uk** or posted to **Jill Wright, 15 Walker Close, Glusburn, Keighley BD20 8PW**

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 I am interested in taking places on the visit to London in early September 2017.

I understand that, when costs have been finalised, I will be contacted with a request for a deposit

Name

Address

Telephone

Email Address



The Friends of Bradford Cathedral Annual Lunch

Sunday 16th October 2016

This year's it is the turn for the Annual Lunch to move away from the immediate centre of Bradford and it will be held at the **Rendezvous Hotel** just outside **Skipton**.

The hotel is on the A6131 between Kildwick and Skipton (from Bradford, avoid the Skipton by-pass; it's obvious on the right beyond Aldi – and there is plenty of parking!

We will gather at the hotel at 12.30 for 1.00pm.

The Rendezvous are offering a two-course option at £16.00 and three courses at £20.00

Please choose from the menu opposite and tear out that page

Your menu choice and payment needs to be sent to

Sandra Howard at the Cathedral Office
by Sunday, 2nd October.

Cheques should be made out to **"The Friends of Bradford Cathedral"**

Sandra Howard

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The Friends Annual Lunch 2016

Name

Address

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Telephone

Email Address

Number of Places Payment Enclosed £

Any special dietary requirement

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Menu – please mark your choice

Starter

- Leek & Potato Soup
- Assiette of Melon & Tropical Fruits
Finished with Raspberry Sorbet
- Chicken Liver Parfait
Served with Red Onion Marmalade & Toast

Main course

- Supreme of Chicken
With White Wine & Mushroom Sauce
- Fillet of Haddock with a Prawn & Leek Sauce
- Mediterranean Vegetable Tartlet
Topped with Melted Goats Cheese

Dessert

- Traditional Apple Pie Served with Custard
- Raspberry Crème Brulee
- Trio of Ice-Cream

Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea with Chocolate Mints are included

Stitching the Cathedral

At the beginning of 2016, we began a project which was conceived as a direct result of the Cathedral Day in 2015. For the last nine months, a group of people have been meeting regularly every fortnight to stitch the kneelers which will complete the set of beautiful new textiles which adorn our Cathedral.



I've been amazed, thrilled and humbled by the sense of purpose, dedication and sheer enjoyment which is such a major part of this project. It really has been a joy to be there, to do something creative for the Cathedral, to make new friends and simply to have fun! There is a list of more than forty men, women and children who have been involved – and we always have at least ten stitchers at each session.

There is a small Steering Group which keeps an eye on progress and plans sessions – Gillian Davis gillian.davis@bradfordcathedral.org is the link person for this group.



You'll see from the pictures the progress we've made so far. There are always at least two experienced stitchers on hand, so whether you are an old hand or interested in finding out more, please come along and join us.

As an added incitement, we serve tea and cakes! Come and find out more – and bring a friend with you!



Events for 2016

Alternate Tuesdays Stitching The Cathedral ('till 4th December)
September 18th Visit to St. Andrew's, Kildwick,
October 16th Annual Lunch at Rendezvous in Skipton

Contact the Friends!

You can contact the Chair of the Friends by email or phone:
jill@woodchipcomputers.co.uk 01535 634526
www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk

A Prayer for The Friends of Bradford Cathedral

**God, our heavenly Father,
we thank you for the presence and witness over many centuries of the
Cathedral Church of St Peter, Bradford.**

**Give your grace and wisdom to those who serve and minister there
to the congregation, the diocese, the city,
and everyone who enters its walls day by day.**

**Bless all Friends of the Cathedral in our fellowship
with the living Lord Jesus.**

**Inspire us by your Holy Spirit as we work and provide together
in helping the building to speak of your harmony, truth and beauty.**

**May we ourselves, in word and act, tell the wonder of your power,
to save and to transform,
that others shall be led into the experience and joy
of belonging to the Friends of your Kingdom.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**