



# **Friends of Bradford Cathedral**

**Newsletter  
Autumn 2015**

# Letter from the Chairman

Dear Friends

It's time for our September Newsletter, which will keep you abreast of what's happening with the Friends of Bradford Cathedral!

I'm pleased to report that we have been able to make some significant financial contributions to projects both within the Cathedral and in the Cathedral precinct. You will remember that earlier in the year, the Friends gave £1500 towards the refurbishment of the State Gate. We have made a further donation of £1000 towards this work and we hope that before long, we can report the completion of this project which will provide much needed better access to the City centre.

Another part of the precinct which will benefit from the generosity of the Friends is the landscaping work which is in progress as I write. Some trees have had to be removed as a part of the project and your Committee has offered to buy replacements. No final decisions have been made about what they will be or where exactly they will go – watch this space!

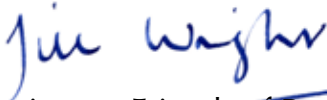
The final project we have brought to fruition is the renovation and refurbishment of the World War 1 altar frontal. This has been returned to the Cathedral today and the Friends have paid a little over £3000 for the work. The frontal will be displayed in the Cathedral and I hope to include a picture and some words about it in the next Newsletter.

We have two further events happening before the end of the year. On September 30th, back by popular demand, is a day in the Cathedral. The programme is not completely finalised yet, but will begin with the regular Eucharist in the morning at 10.15, and the regular weekly organ recital. This is preceded by a buffet lunch for which the charge is £3.00. There will be other activities during the day and we shall finish about 3.30. You will also find on other pages the information you will need to book your place at the Annual Lunch. Do please come and join us at the Midland Hotel for what is always a pleasant occasion.

Finally, your Committee is already beginning to plan next year's programme, so if you have any ideas about what you'd like to see included, please get in touch!

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely



Chairman, Friends of Bradford Cathedral

## A Website

The Friends now have a website!

You'll find it at **[www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk](http://www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk)** and we hope that it will grow to include a good deal of news - and more photos than can be accommodated in the Newsletter.

There are currently spaces in there. We can add all manner of different things – but they'll only arrive if someone writes something or perhaps photographs something or even, perhaps, just suggests that something should be written about or photographed!

People sometimes ask: "What can I write that's interesting?"

The answer is simple. "Write about something that interests you. That means at least one person will be interested!" In fact, something that interests one Friend is very likely to interest many others.

If you have any material or a suggestion, please send it to  
**[webkeeper@bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk](mailto:webkeeper@bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk)**

And, of course, now go straight over to...  
**[www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk](http://www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk)**  
...and have a look!

# A Summer Afternoon in Skipton

## Visit to Holy Trinity Church on 22nd June

It was a grey day when we visited Skipton on 22nd June , but the Friends of Bradford Cathedral visit was far from grey! Holy Trinity Church at the top of the High Street in Skipton is a well known landmark to all tourists and visitors and we were privileged to be treated to a delightful tour of the church and its amazing history.



About 18 of our members came to find out more about this ancient church which has been a site of religious worship for many hundreds of years. It has a warm feel of the Victorian era with enclosed pews which have little doors to let you in and out: a great source of amusement for small children!

The many artefacts present the church's history through wall plaques, tombs of past benefactors, an incredible and beautifully carved wooden screen leading up to the sanctuary, and a deeply colourful reredos which mirrors the stained glass window behind the altar.

I was left with a lasting impression of the many stained glass windows throughout the church of a varying nature, some bright and full of both Biblical and military stories and others much paler and gentler in design, but no less impressive.



Our guide Ann Busfield skilfully and amiably took us round the main areas of the church giving us frequent anecdotes about the past and present life of the church and we are all very grateful for her time and knowledge which made the tour so enjoyable.

We adjourned to the tea room cum choir room at the side of the church where two wonderful ladies provided us with tea and cakes.

A small group of the more intrepid Friends climbed to the Ringing Chamber in the tower to see the often-heard but rarely-seen bell ringers in action as they rang for the service. We all then joined the evening congregation for Choral Evensong to end our visit.

Our gracious thanks to all who made us so welcome!

Monica Slocombe



## **The Friends of Bradford Cathedral Annual Lunch**

### **Sunday 11th October 2015**

This year's Annual Lunch is returning to the centre of Bradford and will be held at the Midland Hotel.

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

The Midland are offering a two-course option at £14.00 and three courses at £16.50.

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 Friday, 2nd October.***

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

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## The Friends Annual Lunch 2015

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

- ..... Cantaloupe Melon, Marinated Berries  
and a Mango Sorbet
- ..... Chicken Liver Paté, Handmade Piccalilli  
and Granary Bread

#### Main course

- ..... Breast of Chicken Wrapped in Bacon  
with a Wild Mushroom Cream
- ..... Roast Beef, Yorkshire Puddings  
and all the trimmings
- ..... Roast Aubergine and Vegetable Tian glazed  
with Gruyère Cheese on Roast Tomato and Garlic Sauce

#### Dessert

- ..... Lemon Torte, Rich Raspberry Coulis  
and Raspberries
- ..... Fresh Fruit Platter and Clotted Cream

*Tea or Coffee with mints are included*







## Two contrasting views of the Cathedral Close

The photo on the left is hardly one that is redolent of the peace and tranquillity of this holy place! The work is well advanced as a new and welcoming pedestrian access is carved out of the Close. Visitors today will see even further progress!

Several trees had to be removed to enable this more fitting entrance to be made - and the Friends will be providing their replacement in due course.



An altogether more peaceful scene can be found at the West end of the Cathedral where the steps to the great West Door and the windows of the Song Room peep between the trees.

## **Pat Clare - A true friend of the Friends**

In the May Newsletter, we noted the formation of the new Committee after the AGM. I'm delighted now to be able to pay appropriate tribute to the contribution of our longest serving Committee member, Pat Clare, who retired at the AGM in 2015.

I have experienced at first hand just how much Pat has contributed to the Committee. She has been my "go to" person since I had any responsibility on the Committee and certainly in my role as your Chairman. I'm pleased also to include words from other present and former Committee members.

Jill Wright

### ***Treasurer Monica Slocombe writes***

Committee member exceptional, backbone of the Friends, she is a fount of all wisdom and knowledge in all matters concerning the Friends, especially her knowledge of so many Friends. In the past three years since my involvement in the Friends' committee I have frequently had occasion to seek Pat's help with the finances, with membership matters and her knowledge and contacts with many of the members and with the life members has been invaluable. She has helped with straightening out the finances, her attention to detail has been "perfect", teaching me how to balance the books! Pat has helped in so many versatile ways.

Her decision to stand down from the committee this year has left a big hole and we are so indebted to her for all she has done.

At our recent committee meeting it was proposed and unanimously agreed that we should offer Pat Honorary Life membership in recognition of all she has done for the Friends over more than 25 years. No one has done more with such good humour and grace, and we are all indeed very grateful to such a worthy committee member.

## ***Thelma de Leeuw writes***

As a past Secretary and Chairman of the Friends I had much cause for which to be glad of Pat's gentle advice and meticulous attention to detail.

Her memory for individuals and past patterns was so helpful in developing new ideas and her commitment to the Cathedral, alongside her faithful membership of her own church at St James the Great, Woodhall, has meant that we could always rely on a ready response to queries and requests.

Her service has been whole-hearted and we are both fortunate and grateful.

We wish you a long and happy retirement, Pat!

### **Bingley Little Theatre**

Bingley Little Theatre have again generously given us tickets for their latest production.

This is **"Ring Around the Moon"** by Jean Anouille,  
adapted by Christopher Fry.

*It's billed as "A quintessentially English piece of light drama set in the 20s with comic twists all round and a bevy of strong characters".*

We're currently not sure exactly which day  
– but it will probably be  
for the First Night on 7th December.

Barbara Walker handles this for us and she'll be pleased to hear from you.

What's not to like? – and it makes money for the Friends!

Contact Barbara on 0113 255 2608 for details.

## **Events for 2015**

September 30th	A Day in the Cathedral
October 11th	Annual Lunch
December 7th(?)	Bingley Little Theatre: "Ring Around the Moon"

## **Contact the Friends!**

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

## **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**