

FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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The Friends' major source of income comes from what you give us. You are reminded that subscriptions for 2023 subscriptions fall due from 1st January. Subscriptions (£20 or £40 for corporate members), arrears, or any donation you may wish to give, should be sent to:

The Secretary, Friends of St Mary's Cathedral, c/o the Cathedral Office,
Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AW.

Cheques are payable to 'The Society of Friends of St Mary's Cathedral' though for subscriptions we would encourage payment after 1st January by Standing Order to Royal Bank of Scotland, Sort Code: 83 06 08, Account Number: 20878633 (stating your surname as a reference).

Thank you for your continuing support.

**The Society of Friends of
St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh
Sixty Third Annual Report 2022**

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An electronic version of this Report is on the Cathedral website:
www.cathedral.net

Please keep in touch with us!

If you have any suggestions, comments or queries, the best way to contact the Friends is by email to friends@cathedral.net.

We are hoping to build up a record of email addresses for the Friends so that we can send out reports and other information without the high cost of postage. So if you are happy to receive information by email, please email friends@cathedral.net so that we have your email address.

The Cathedral sends out a weekly circular by email, with details of services and a weekly newsletter. If you would like to be added to the circulation list, please email: office@cathedral.net. There are also details of services and other events on the Cathedral website: www.cathedral.net and there are regular updates on Twitter (@StMarysCathEdin) and Facebook.

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CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Full details of arrangements for all our services are on the Cathedral website:
www.cathedral.net.

Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist (*Also live-streamed on YouTube*)

3.30pm Choral Evensong (or Evening Prayer)

Monday

8am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday

8am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong (or Evening Prayer)

Wednesday

8am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong (or Evening Prayer)

Thursday

8am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

1pm Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong (or Evening Prayer)

Friday

8am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong (or Evening Prayer)

Saturday

8am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH**

**SIXTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 2022 at 2pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Provost
2. Opening Prayer and Commemoration of Departed:
Mary Bell, Stewart Perrin
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of 62nd Annual General Meeting (31st October 2021)
5. Matters Arising
6. Provost's Remarks
7. Treasurer: Presentation of the Annual Accounts
See draft accounts on pp18 and 19.
8. Secretary's Remarks
9. Council Membership
10. Use of Funds
11. AOCB
12. Date of 2023 AGM

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S
CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH**

Held online on Sunday 31st October 2021 by Zoom at 2pm.

1. Welcome

The Provost welcomed members attending the meeting.

2. Opening Prayer and Commemoration of the Departed

Lady Clyde, Rosemary Gray, Mary Haggart, Michael Middleton and Gordon Mills were remembered in the Provost's opening prayers.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

The Very Revd Dr Graham Forbes and Mrs Jane Forbes, Mr Neil Godfrey, Mr Andrew Hood, Mrs Diana Lumley and Mr John Lumley, Dr John Higinbotham and Mrs Janet Higinbotham, Mr Gordon McFarlane, Revd Canon Jane Millard, Mrs Helen Sherman

Members present:

Mr Jim Barclay and Mrs Carol Barclay, Mr Eric Bower and Mrs Maidie Bower, The Right Hon the Lord Hope of Craighead KT (Patron), The Very Revd John Conway (Chairman), The Revd Canon Dean Fostekew, Professor Mark Godfrey (Secretary), Mrs Helen Godfrey, Canon Helen Hood, Mrs Judith Lewis, Mrs Pat Middleton, Mrs Yvonne Mills, Mr Andrew Reddish, Mr Robin Sherman

In attendance: Jo Hargreaves

4. Minutes of the 61st AGM held on 25th October 2020

The minutes had been distributed and were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising: There were no matters raised arising from the minutes.

6. Provost's Remarks

The Provost said that his full report was in the printed Annual Report but he thanked the Friends in particular for supporting the installation of an enhanced audio-visual system to facilitate live-streaming services. He reported that there was some concern about the condition of the murals in the Song School, and a report and survey had been commissioned. If remedial work were recommended, this would be brought to the attention of the Friends. Otherwise, the main building was in reasonable condition, with external masonry work finally completed and scaffolding removed. The former Stonemasons Workshop site had also been leased to an external stonemasons firm, who were providing ongoing masonry maintenance work in return for use of the premises.

7. Presentation of the Accounts

As the Treasurer was not present, the Provost presented the accounts, a printed summary of which had been distributed with the Annual Report. The Provost reported that final accounts for the Friends to 31 March 2021 were presented at the Executive Meeting of 23 September and approved by the Executive prior to being distributed to members in the Annual Report. The Treasurer had confirmed on 17 October that the accounts had also been approved by Kenneth Ramage acting as Independent Examiner. The Provost also reported that the Executive had agreed at its last meeting to invest £50,000 in the Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Pool, retaining the balance of funds as cash in its bank account, out of the approximate total of £76,000 currently held. The Provost also indicated that the current Treasurer intended to step down in the coming year and that a new Treasurer would be needed to serve on the Executive in due course.

In response to a question, the Provost explained the application of ethical investment principles adopted by the SEC to the SEC Unit Trust Pool.

8. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported membership had remained stable, but was now at about 95, reflecting the deaths of several members in a year in which no new members had joined. For the time being, the circumstances of the pandemic continued to militate against planning any social activities. It was hoped that the Executive could consider a return to normal activities in 2022.

The Secretary was thanked from the floor for having made the effort to invite Susan Landale to contribute an article to this year's Annual Report, which was much appreciated.

9. Council Membership

The Provost reported that Eric Bower had decided to step down and not seek re-election to the Executive. He thanked him on behalf of the Society for her many years of membership of the Executive. All other members of the Executive were willing to stand for re-election, and the meeting duly approved the re-election of : Professor Mark Godfrey, Mrs Helen Godfrey, the Revd Canon Dean Fostekew, Mrs Judith Lewis, Mrs Yvonne Mills, Mr Andrew Reddish and Mr Robin Sherman.

10. Use of Funds

In relation to projects to which the Friends had already funded or contributed to, or expressed future support for, the Provost noted the following:

£640 for framing of large original Gilbert Scott drawing of the interior of the Cathedral

£540 for Donation Safe Box

£440.86 for piano covers

£12,000 for AV company to install cameras and a mixing desk

A question was asked about how cash donations were being made in the cathedral, and the Provost explained that there was now an electronic donation facility, though the receipts from donations at services were very significantly lower as a result of being unable to operate the usual offertory collection during services.

The Provost advised that the main Christmas services would be held in person, but would be likely subject to an advance online booking system. This means that donations might be facilitated most easily be being requested at the time of booking.

11. AOCB

The Secretary was thanked for his help during the past year.

12. Date of next Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that the next Annual General Meeting would again be held on the last Sunday in October - 30th October 2022.

PROVOST'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

It's been a year without much activity for the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral, unfortunately, as uncertainties around the Covid pandemic continued to make planning for any of our usual social activities difficult. This last summer, however, as the Festival once again returned to Edinburgh and our choir was able to sing in full voice, it felt as if the shadow of Covid was finally beginning properly to lift. I hope the coming year will see something of a resumption in the Friends' activities, and the chance to see many of you again. And not least the chance to welcome you into the Cathedral.

Whilst the Friends have been somewhat quiet, the Cathedral itself has returned to near normal operation. We have welcomed many visitors and tourists this year, and congregational numbers for midweek Evensongs are higher than ever. The new noticeboards, paid for by the Friends last year, have done sterling work in inviting people into the Cathedral – into a space that we have worked hard to make more welcoming. The prayer tree, in the Resurrection Chapel, and, since February, our prayer station for Ukraine, have been well used.

The facility to live-stream our services, installed again with help from the Friends, has been an invaluable addition to the Cathedral this last year, with every Sunday morning 10.30 service, and a number of others, live-streamed on YouTube to a grateful congregation. The Cathedral is extremely grateful to the Friends for its support to enable this development.

One of the main challenges, as we emerge out of the pandemic, for both the Cathedral and the Friends, is a lack of the usual volunteers to help in the many tasks involved in running such organisations. The pandemic was, understandably, a time when many people took stock of existing commitments, and have not resumed those since. That is a challenge, and the Friends' Executive is keenly aware of the need to

recruit both more new members to the Friends, and to the Executive which oversees its work. If you know of anyone who might be interested in supporting the Friends – has a love of St Mary's Cathedral and its buildings, and would be keen to promote its continued existence and life – please do encourage them to become members. Similarly, if you, or anyone you know, might be interested in helping the Friends in its core task of supporting the development of the Cathedral building and its grounds, and to organise trips to other historical and culturally significant monuments, please feel free to be in touch with either myself or the Secretary.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's AGM, and at future events in the Cathedral.

My best wishes to you all,

John



The Prayer Tree in the Resurrection Chapel.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The normal activities of the Friends have continued to remain on hold apart from the meeting of the Executive, and the AGM. However, in September this year the Executive met and has begun planning events, and hopes that the next year will see a return to business as normal after nearly three years of unavoidable disruption caused by the covid-19 pandemic.

The AGM on 30 October will be in person for the first time since 2019, being held in the Chapter House at 2pm prior to Choral Evensong at 3.30pm, with tea and coffee being served. We hope that as many members as possible might gather together again for that occasion. In the course of 2023 we hope to make visits to Dunfermline Abbey and Newcastle Cathedral, as well as to hold an Epiphany party on 13 January in the form of a reception in the Cathedral Song School, renovation of whose murals the Friends is currently providing financial support towards.

A form is included with the Annual Report inviting you to indicate interest in attending or receiving further information about any of these events, to be returned to the Secretary (by post or simply relaying the information by email to me at friends@cathedral.net).

We have previously requested email contact information from members of the Friends who wish to be contacted by email, and a small number provided this information. We are also aware that there may be some members whose preference is not to receive postal communications or a print copy of the Annual Report, but instead electronic communications only.

If any members wish to receive such communications only by email, then they need simply email me at friends@cathedral.net to indicate this preference.

In relation to membership, although it has held up well enough during the pandemic, we have seen several retirements of valued members of the Executive, and there are several potential vacancies.

Please consider whether you know anyone who might be interested in joining the Friends, and in suggesting this to them, and if you might be interested in serving on the Executive please contact the Provost or me to find out more.

Please note that the Annual Report also contains the usual annual notice that subscriptions are payable on 1 January by all members except former Life Members.

In relation to the Executive, I would like to express my thanks personally and on behalf of the Executive to Andrew Reddish, who has stepped down from the Executive after five years' service. Andrew brought invaluable experience and constructive ideas to the operation of the Executive, as well as unfailing willingness to offer practical help and to participate in organisation of Friends activities. Since he was also Cathedral Lay Representative or Alternate Lay Representative for a significant proportion of this time, we have been extremely fortunate that he has so generously given up his time in this way, and his good cheer and fellowship will be missed.

Finally, I would like to thank Judith Lewis for her hard work and initiative in planning and producing the Annual Report.

Mark Godfrey

The film ***The Lost King*** that was recently released was partially filmed in the Cathedral in June 2021. It tells the story of the discovery of the remains of Richard III under a car park in Leicester and was filmed in various locations in Edinburgh.



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL IN THE CATHEDRAL 2022

Marion Chatterley

This year we were able to offer a busy schedule of Festival events.

Exhibitions

During the first week of the Fringe, we hosted *Outside In* which was curated and facilitated by Mousa AlNana, an artist from Homs, Syria. With support from a team who organised this interactive exhibition, Mousa worked with groups from L'Arche and Artlink, alongside interested members of the public. An installation was created which was then displayed in the King Charles Chapel until the end of August. Silvy Weatherall returned with her *Last Supper* installation on the High Altar and Peter and Heidi Gardner set up their *Peacemakers Loom* in the Resurrection Chapel. The finished Peacemakers weave was hung from the chapel ceiling for a month and has now been rolled into a ball and installed on the triforium in that chapel. All of the exhibitions attracted significant interest and footfall, and generated conversations with visitors from near and far.

Concerts and recitals

We were able to offer a full programme of lunchtime concerts and I am grateful to all those who gave time to act as stewards. This year our programme included a good number of younger musicians; we are keen to continue to offer an opportunity to early career musicians to perform within the Cathedral. John Bryden returned to offer two of his popular coffee concerts, which attracted a loyal and appreciative audience. We offered three organ recitals and three ticketed concerts. Of the ticketed concerts, the best attended by a significant margin was our choir concert who sang music by Purcell, Handel, Parry and Vaughan Williams marking important royal events. Audiences for the other two concerts (Calum Huggan, Marimba, and Maximiliano Martin, Clarinet) were disappointing.

Our experience with audiences was replicated across many venues. The free and by donation events attracted good audiences, whereas the ticketed events (with the exception of the choir concert) were poorly attended. Overall, the numbers of people visiting the Cathedral during August was high. Our visitor footfall has increased noticeably and the exhibitions attracted visitors. The completion of the new South lawn paths allowed us to open the South doors and that has proved an inviting entrance for people who may have previously felt unsure about accessing the building.



*The Peacemakers Loom
Weaving in progress (above),
and the finished work
suspended from the ceiling of
the Resurrection Chapel
(right)*



FORTHCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

There will be further details of all these events on the Cathedral website: www.cathedral.net, or contact the Cathedral Office.

A Covid Requiem 10th and 11th November

This event, in partnership with the Traverse Theatre, will combine the Cathedral choir singing Fauré's Requiem, with words written and performed by Jo Clifford. Tickets available from the Traverse Theatre box office

Tern TV Congregational singing 17th November

Tern TV, an independent production company working for the BBC, will be filming in the Cathedral in November, and using the choir, to produce material for broadcast at Christmas and Easter. On 17th November members of the congregation are requested to attend an evening event when they will be filming congregational singing.

Children's 'Come and Sing' 2nd December

This event is aimed at primary school children, and local primary schools have been invited.

Maggie's Centre Carol Service 8th December

The Cathedral is hosting and participating once again in their Christmas Carol Concert.

Messiah 'Come and Sing' 10th December.

The Cathedral is running a 'Come and Sing' the Messiah (Part I), with the Cathedral Choir. Details are available on the Events page of the Cathedral website.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Cathedral will be returning to pre-covid arrangements for Advent and Christmas services this year. However, please check details on the Cathedral website nearer the time. Some services may be ticketed.

Advent Sunday, 27th November

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

22nd December

7.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

2.30pm Children's Christmas Service

7.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Christmas Day Eucharist

NEW CATHEDRAL CHAPLAIN

The Cathedral's new Chaplain, Revd Janet Spence, was ordained on 25th September 2022.

Janet writes:

Hello! I am delighted to join St Mary's Cathedral as Chaplain, and I very much look forward to getting to know you all. I am married to Simon, and we have three children, Findlay, Rachel and Martha. Simon and I returned to Edinburgh in 2021 from Fortrose on the Black Isle, where I was a teacher. We first met in Edinburgh when we were students, and began our married life here, attending St Mary's for a time (and indeed Findlay was baptised here). It is a joy to be with you all.



*Janet with Simon,
Findlay and Rachel.
Martha is studying
in Sweden this year.*

Society of Friends of the Cathedral Church of St Mary

Draft Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

Statement of Receipt and Payments

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds Total 2021 £
<u>Receipts</u>			
Subscriptions		2,118	1,938
Epiphany party		-	-
Donations		-	1,400
Gift aid from HMRC		-	675
Total Receipts		2,118	4,013
<u>Payments</u>			
Charitable activities	2	10,944	7,221
Total Payments		10,944	7,221
Net (Payments) for the year		(8,826)	(3,208)

Statement of Balances

As at 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds Total 2021 £
<u>Bank and Cash balances</u>			
Brought forward		85,549	88,757
Movement in the year			
Net (Payments) for the year		(8,826)	(3,208)
Transfer to Investments	3	(50,000)	-
Bank and Cash carried forward		26,723	85,549
<u>Assets</u>			
Investments	3	44,059	-
Gift aid accrued income	4	862	584
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Donations committed	5	-	10,028

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on

For and on behalf of the Trustees

The Very Reverend John Conway

Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2022

1 Trustees Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to Trustees in the current or preceding year, nor were there any related party transactions requiring disclosure.

2 Charitable Activities

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Donation to Cathedral for external notice boards	5,406	-
Donation to Cathedral for AV equipment	4,622	5,982
Printing, postage and stationery	136	519
Bookkeeping and accounts	780	720
	<u>10,944</u>	<u>7,221</u>

3 Investments

Investments are held with the Scottish Episcopal Church's Unit Trust Pool. In January 2022, the Friends of St Mary's deposited £50,000 with the UTP to purchase 1542 units.

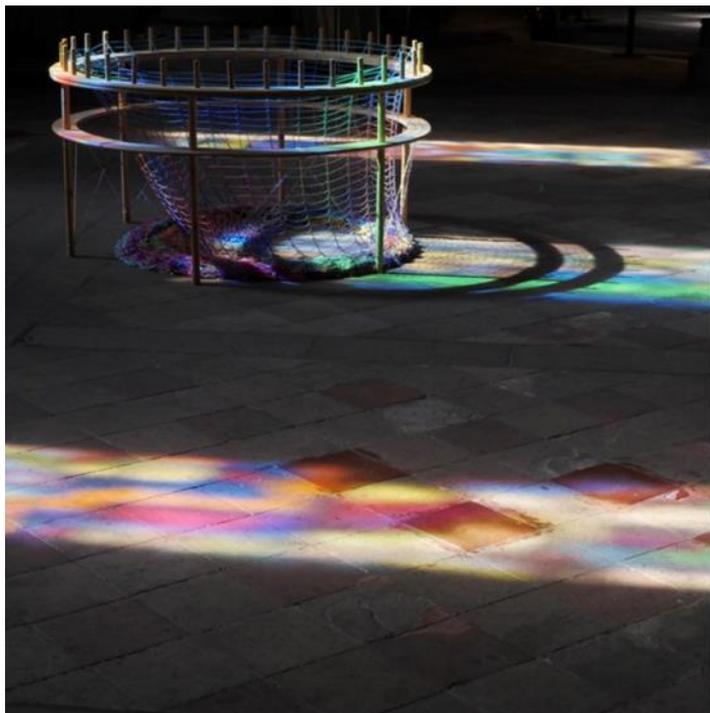
	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Purchase price	50,000	-
Gain/(Loss) in the year	(5,941)	-
Closing valuation at 31 March 2022	<u>44,059</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Assets

The assets include tax recoverable on gift aid donations.

5 Liabilities

The liabilities at 31 March 2021 represent donations agreed to be made to the Cathedral to cover the costs of repairs to noticeboards and the second part of the Cathedral's Audio Visual equipment cost. These donations were paid to the Cathedral in May 2021.



Festival Exhibitions

The Peacemakers

Loom (left)

'Outside In' art installation (below)

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