



I felt hugely privileged to take part, on behalf of all the Friends, in the new Dean's installation service in February. The occasion was a memorable one, not just for her but for all of us.

We are delighted to welcome Catherine as our new President and look forward very much to working with her over many years to come. Dean Catherine's husband, Robin, was also quick to show a great interest in what we do for the Cathedral and we were pleased to welcome him to our March coffee morning. Dean Catherine has accepted our invitation to preach at the Festival Service on Saturday, July 15th, St Swithun's Day and I'm sure all of our members will be looking forward to meeting her in the course of that day, if not before.

We have much to look forward to in the coming months, so please read on for all the details and the booking forms. I hope to see many of you soon.

With all best wishes, Bruce Parker, Chairman of the Friends



AGM and Festival Day: 15 July 2017

Saturday 15 July —St Swithun's Day

This year's Festival includes a Jane Austen tour (as our weekend is the nearest to the anniversary of her death) and lunch in the new Wessex Learning Centre - the full programme of events is set out with the agenda.

The 8am Communion - the start of Friends Day - will be held in the newly re-opened Lady Chapel for the first time in five years. Following the service, coffee and croissants will be available at the East End of the Cathedral for all those who attend.

The day ends with the uplifting Friends' Festival Evensong at 4.30pm in the Nave with a full Cathedral Choir and a procession for the congregation to St Swithun's Shrine. The sermon will be given by Dean Catherine.



We are delighted to have received £2500 from the Patron's Fund, set up on the occasion of the Queen's 90th birthday. The gift has been given to celebrate the Queen's patronage of the Friends. We are using it to commission a piece of music for the Girls' Choir, who the Friends' support. We are currently working with the Music Department and Chapter to identify a composer for this piece, which will eventually be premiered at a special event for the Friends in the Cathedral.

Southern Cathedrals Festival. 19-22 July. This year's Festival takes place in Winchester. During the four days, sacred choral and organ music will be performed by the three Cathedral Choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester, both together and separately, at both services and concerts. See www.southerncathedralsfestival.org.uk for the full programme and tickets.

As this year's host, the Music Department has a challenging fundraising target for the event. If you are interested in becoming a supporter of the Southern Cathedral's Festival, please email andrew.lumsden@winchester-cathedral.org.uk. Thank you.

Autumn Events Programme



Friends' Annual Lecture 2017 - Jon Sopel

The BBC's North America Editor Jon Sopel has been at the centre of one of the biggest news stories of this century, the Trump presidency. At the Friends' lecture he will share his unique experience and insight into the 'Greatest Country on Earth'. Friends' priority booking for this event is included with this mailing.

Friends' trip to Westminster Abbey - 3 October



An opportunity to spend the day at Westminster Abbey. Coach from Winchester to Westminster, with coffee on arrival, a guided tour of the Abbey and optional visits to the Chapter House and Library. Enjoy lunch at one of a choice of venues. More details and a booking form are included with this mailing.

Quiz and Supper hosted by Egghead Kevin Ashman - 12 October

Kevin has won too many national and international quizzing competitions to list, but many of you will know him from the BBC's Eggheads show. Kevin is local to Winchester and has agreed to come and host the quiz to raise funds for the Friends. The event will be held in the Refectory and include a one course supper.



"Guess who's coming to dinner?" Brian Collins - 2 November

A look at bishop William of Wykeham's household in the 14th century when King Richard the Second came to dine three times in one year.



Coffee and Cake

Coffee and Cake takes place once a month at 10.30, usually in the Undercroft (check the monthly email for changes). The next dates are: 19 May, 16 June, 15 September and 20 October.

Winchester Cathedral Appeal - Celebratory Evensong, 2 July 2017

As you will remember, the Friends' Windows Appeal was part of the wider, ambitious challenge of raising £20.5 million to conserve and develop the Cathedral. This remarkable goal has now been achieved and the Cathedral is holding a special service of thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Sunday 2 July at 3.30pm. Dame Mary Fagan DCVO, Chairman of the Trust, is very keen to have as many Friends as possible at this Evensong, in recognition of their amazing contribution. In her own words "every penny raised has helped the Appeal and the results will be truly transformational". The Dean has invited The Very Rev James Atwell, Dean Emeritus of Winchester to preach at the service at which the Cathedral Choir will be singing.

Cathedral Events Highlights

In the year marking the 200th anniversary of the death of **Jane Austen**, a full programme of related events is planned. Highlights include:

Pride and Prejudice by Illyria Open Air Theatre. 28—30 June, 7.30pm. Performed on Cloister Garth (by Pilgrims' School). Bring a picnic and something to sit on. Tickets available from the Cathedral Box Office 01962 857275.

Inspired by the Word. 8 June—30 September. A visual arts exhibition by contemporary artists celebrating the life of Jane Austen.

Anniversary Evensong 18 July - The Funeral Procession 24 July

See www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk for further details and the full programme of Cathedral services and events.