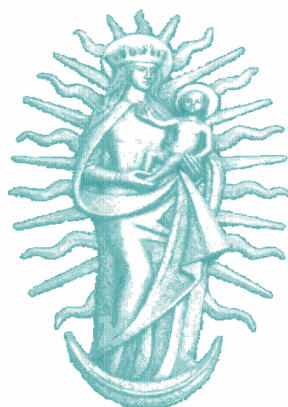


Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Fiftieth Annual Report



For the year ending 31st December 2016

Friends' Tea

You are warmly invited to join us for tea following the Annual General Meeting.

In order to make the necessary catering arrangements, please contact the Honorary Secretary if you wish to join us.

We would ask for a donation of £5.00 per head, collected on the afternoon.

Mrs Alison Givens
Honorary Secretary
Friends of Blackburn Cathedral
Cathedral Offices
Blackburn
BB1 5AA

Email : secretary@fobc.info
Mobile : 07982 821274

Subscriptions

(Due on the 1st January each year)

Individual members	£15.00
Joint members	£22.00
Individual life members	£150.00
Joint Life members	£220.00
Corporate members, including School, Parishes etc	£12.00

**You are cordially invited to the 50th Annual Friends' AGM
and Evensong on Sunday 21st May 2017 in the Crypt of
Blackburn Cathedral**

The Cathedral Bookshop will remain open until 3.30 pm

PROGRAMME FOR THE AFTERNOON

1.45 pm	Gather in the Crypt of the Cathedral
2.00 pm	Annual General Meeting
3.15 pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00 pm	Cathedral Evensong
Preacher:	The Very Rev Peter Howell-Jones The Dean of Blackburn Cathedral

**Annual General Meeting
Agenda**

1. Opening prayers
2. Welcome and apologies
3. Minutes of the 49th AGM 8th May 2016
4. Matters Arising
5. Membership Secretary and Treasurer's report
6. Chairman's report
7. Correspondence
8. Election of Officers, Council members, Trustees,
Solicitor and Independent Examiner
9. Any other business

Summary of the minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral held in the Cathedral crypt on Sunday 8th May 2016 at 2.00 pm.

Present : Judge J Duerden (Chairman) and 29 members.

Following the unveiling of the painting of the Dean Emeritus, The Very Rev. Christopher Armstrong, by acting Dean Bishop Phillip North, the members assembled in the Crypt for an update on the development by Canon Hindley.

The previous year's minutes were approved and the Treasurer gave his report, reporting an excellent year for 2015. However our membership continues to decline.

The Chairman gave his report which had been fully detailed in the booklet circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

There was just one matter of correspondence, the resignation of Margot Berry as the Bishops Council Representative.

The meeting moved on to the election of officers and Council members and the following members were elected :

Chairman : Judge Jeremy Duerden

Vice Chairman : Canon Andrea Titterington

Treasurer & Membership : Mr Tony Cope JP

Secretary : Mrs Alison Givens

Council Members :

Miss Felicity Ackroyd

Mrs Lowri Cope

Mr David Thornton

Mrs Maureen Wood

Mr Jim Titterington, for one year filling a vacant post.

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Annual Bulletin 2016

Honorary Auditor : Colin Ovenden

Honorary Solicitor : Ms Kate Allsop

Bishop's Council Representative : Vacant

Cathedral Chapter Representative : Rev Canon Dr Ian Stockton

Finally an update on the Flower Festival was given by Mrs Karen Brooke with the plans in place leading up to the opening on the 23rd June.

Auditor's Report

The Independent Inspector, Mr Colin Ovenden, reported that the accounts were in good order and thanked the Hon. Treasurer for his very detailed preparation of the same. He wished to congratulate the Treasurer, as in 60 years of accounting, this was the biggest spreadsheet he had ever seen !

He agreed to serve for a further term and his appointment was approved by the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

14th May 2016 at 2.00 pm, Tea at 3.15 pm, Evensong at 4.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 3.10 pm.

Summary of the minutes of the Special General Meeting held at 3.00 pm on Sunday the 25th September 2016, held in the Library.

Following the resignation of the Chairman of the Friends Jeremy Duerden, a Special General Meeting was called to fill the vacant posts.

In addition to the Acting Chair, Canon Andrea Titterington, there were 20 members present with 3 apologies. Accordingly the meeting was declared quorate.

Chair of the meeting Tony Cope JP conducted the meeting and sought nominations for the position of Chair, Vice Chair and a Council member.

The following members were elected unanimously as follows :

Chair :	Canon Andrea Titterington
Vice Chair :	Mr Raymond Smith
Council Member :	Mrs Karen Brooke

This concluded the formal part of the meeting, however the new chair, Andrea Titterington, offered thanks to Jeremy Duerden's ten years of service to the Friends and how he will be remembered for his contribution and hard work.

A "wish list" was to be produced in the future to incorporate into an Action Plan to build on the achievements of the Friends, especially in light of the Flower Festival.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm with Canon Stockton delivering The Grace to those present.

Chairman's Report

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

The objects of the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral (FOBC), as stated in its constitution, are to:

- a) arouse, stimulate and maintain public interest in the Cathedral;
- b) maintain, beautify, improve and add to the fabric, fittings, ornaments, monuments, services and music of the Cathedral its precincts;
- c) provide a means whereby people who have at heart the wellbeing, mission and purpose of the Cathedral can be kept in touch with its life and work and can contribute by prayer to the work of the Cathedral, by personal services in the cause of the Cathedral and its works, and by financial provision of its needs; and
- d) raise funds and to invite and receive contributions for these purposes.

During the 50 years of its existence FOBC has fulfilled these purposes in the context of momentous changes in the life of the Cathedral and society as a whole. The following list gives an idea of the scope of FOBC's contributions :

- Altar frontal
- Stained glass panel in Lantern Tower
- Wafer Box
- Contribution to overhauling and enlarging the organ
- Rood figures
- Portrait for Dean Frayne
- Fire detection equipment
- Practice Piano
- Leather-bound service register
- Disabled toilet
- A-boards
- Cathedral website

- *The Journey*, Stations of the Cross by Penny Warden
- Annual awards to Choristers
- Window sills
- Floor buffer
- Induction Loop
- Hearse lights
- Pax Madonna & Child facsimile in South Transept
- Refurbishment of handbells
- Gold mitre to top of flagpole
- Aquaboxes
- Contribution to Guidebook and Welcome leaflets
- Prayer cards sent to each parish every month
- Friends' Fountain in the Cathedral Garth/Cloister Garden
- Contribution to weekly flowers
- Seasonal planters in Cathedral Garth/Cloister Garden
- Installation of library shelves in Cathedral Court

In addition to these physical contributions, FOBC has sponsored events and supported the life of the Cathedral. In 2016 FOBC's sponsorship of the award-winning **Flower Festival** epitomised its ambitions to increase the profile of Blackburn Cathedral to a UK-wide audience, whilst raising funds for its fabric and enhancement.

In the year FOBC also funded the **Friends' Fountain** in the Cathedral Garth, permanent **planters** for seasonal planting, and a new **Welcome Leaflet** reflecting the completion of Cathedral Court as well as continuing the contribution to weekly flower displays.

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Annual Bulletin 2016

Friends also assisted with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's festivals "Countryside comes to Town" and "Christmas Fair." With major developments and improvements planned for the Cathedral and its precinct, FOBC will continue to play a significant role in its future with the help and support of its members.

Thank you to all who have made 2016 such a successful year.

Canon Andrea Titterington

Lunchtime Talks

The last two talks attracted larger audiences than normal.

Our talk in September was given by Mrs Jean Duerden when she gave us an insight into the changes in midwifery throughout her career.

This was followed in February when Maggie Nicholson, who has recently retired from working in the field of Human Rights at the United Nations, spoke on her work around the world. She read a section from her diary when she was out in Kosovo which brought home the dire circumstances under which some people live.

Our next talk will be on Tuesday 16th May when Sheila Shaw will take as her subject "A Smith, A Subpoena and A Century Old Scandal" a court case from 1903 involving a returning Boer War volunteer.

The talk on 26th September will be given by Phil Davenport when he will recount his recent visit to Palestine harvesting olives! No doubt an interesting tale.

Talks will be arranged in 2018 so look out for further information.

All talks are at 12 noon at the Cathedral followed by lunch made for us by Café Northcote. Lunch will be upstairs, perhaps the Temple gallery as this will be a more pleasant venue. The cost will be £12.50 for members and £15 for non-members, places must be booked as we have to pay for lunches not taken. If you order in advance please add a contact number if you would like a reminder nearer the time. I must apologise as I cannot return money to those who forget.

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Annual Bulletin 2016

To book please write to :

The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral
Lunches
Cathedral Offices,
Blackburn Cathedral,
Blackburn.
BB1 5AA

Email: secretary@fobc.info

Or reserve your place through the bookings page on our website :
www.fobc.info

Please join us and bring along your friends.

Maureen Wood

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Annual Bulletin 2016

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Income and Expenditure Account 2016

A Charity to support Blackburn Anglican Cathedral

Registered with the Charity Commission - Number : 1047234

Financial Statement For the period up to 31st December 2016

Receipts & Payments Account		£	£	Last Year 2015
1. ORDINARY ACTIVITIES				
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	Annual	868.00		994.00
	Corporate	252.00		348.00
	Life	440.00		440.00
	Sub Total		1,560.00	1,782.00
Donations		1,620.50		8,518.50
Gift Aid		2,559.11		547.32
Xmas Card Sales		0.00		72.50
Sundry Income		90.03		75.00
AGM		125.00		78.00
Lunches		1,107.40		956.19
Interest on Deposit Account		110.83		35.27
	Sub Total		5,612.87	10,282.78
Total Receipts from Ordinary Activities			7,172.87	12,064.78
PAYMENTS				
Xmas Cards		0.00		0.00
Promotional		660.00		0.00
Administration		846.09		646.89
National Conference		0.00		883.25
AGM Expenses		0.00		0.00
Lunches		585.75		451.48
Sundry Expenses		474.54		405.71
	Total Payments		2,566.38	2,387.33
Balance of : Net Receipts/(Payments) Ordinary Activities			4,606.49	9,677.45

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Annual Bulletin 2016

2. FLOWER FESTIVAL

Receipts

Total Flower Festival Income	86,627.74	11,881.71
------------------------------	-----------	-----------

Expenses

Total Flower Festival Expenses	75,923.32	7,030.71
--------------------------------	-----------	----------

Balance of : Net Receipts/(Payments) Flower Festival	<u>10,704.42</u>	<u>4,851.00</u>
--	-------------------------	------------------------

3. SPECIAL FUNDRAISING

Friends Fountain Appeal	<u>100.00</u>	<u>8,077.00</u>
-------------------------	----------------------	------------------------

TOTAL Receipts/(Payments)	<u>15,410.91</u>	<u>22,605.45</u>
----------------------------------	-------------------------	-------------------------

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Annual Bulletin 2016

Balance Sheet				£	£
Investment Assets :	Cost	Deprn.	N.B.V.		
Display Boards	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00		0.00
Flower Festival	500.00	500.00	0.00		0.00
F Festival Container	2,322.00	0.00	2,322.00		2,322.00
F Festival "Urns"	2,250.00	2249.00	1.00		1.00
Total Investment Assets					2,323.00
Current Assets :					
Cash at Bank : 31 st December 2016					
Nat West Current Account – Unrestricted				426.60	
– Restricted				1,165.11	
– Cathedral Development				0.00	
– Legacy Donations				0.00	1,591.71
CCLA Deposit Account – Unrestricted				5,086.29	
– Restricted Flower Festival				14,000.00	
– Restricted Cathedral Development				0.00	
– Legacy Donations				7,000.00	26,086.29
PayPal Flower Festival Account					1.11
Total Assets					30,002.11
Represented by : Opening Balances : 1st January 2016					
Fixed Assets					2,323.00
Current Assets	Nat West Current Account – Unrestricted			61.40	
	– Restricted			4,098.09	
					4,159.49
	CCLA Deposit Account – Unrestricted			1,025.00	
	– Restricted – Flower Festival			0.00	
	– Legacy Donations			7,000.00	
					8,025.00
	PayPal Flower Festival Account				363.71
Add : Net Receipts/(Payments)					15,410.91
Less : Grants to the Cathedral : Planters					280.00
TOTAL RESERVES					30,002.11

Treasurer and Membership Report

Accounts

2016 was another outstanding year for the Friends with a further £15,410.91 being raised. This was in the main due to the hugely successful Flower Festival which in total over the period, from its initial conception, raised over £16,500. With assets in hand which are to be hired out to other festivals this will continue to raise further additional monies in the years to come, as was commented last year in the report on the 2015 accounts.

This brought our Cash reserves to £27,679.11 with assets of £2,323.00 from the Flower Festival.

We contributed a modest £280 to the Cathedral in the year but have approved expenditure of over £14,000 which will be paid during 2017.

Unfortunately Colin Ovenden was unable to undertake the independent inspection of the accounts but I am grateful that Mr Alistair Harris, who was able, on this occasion, to undertake this task at short notice.

Membership

At the end of the year (Figures for 2015 are in brackets) we had a total of 274 members broken down as follows :

Joint Life 70 (69), Single Life 93 (96), Joint Annual 30 (30), Single Annual 47 (46) and Corporate 36 (30), making a total of 274, down from the previous years' 277. This includes the members who have only part paid their subscriptions.

Tony Cope
Treasurer

List of Officers

Patrons:	The Rt Rev Julian Henderson, Bishop of Blackburn. The Rt Rev Nicholas Reade, The Lord Bishop of Blackburn, Emeritus. The Rt Rev Alan Chesters, The Lord Bishop Emeritus.
President:	The Very Rev Christopher J Armstrong, The Dean Emeritus of Blackburn.
Vice President:	David Frayne, The Dean Emeritus.

Officers (Trustees)

Chairman	Canon Andrea Titterington (T)
Vice Chairman	Mr Raymond Smith (T)
Secretary	Mrs Alison Givens (T)
Treasurer and Membership Secretary	Mr Anthony Cope JP (T)

Council Members

Retire 2017 :	Retire 2018 :
Mr Lawrence Wood	Canon Val Edge
Mr Jim Titterington	Mr Peter Mather
	Mrs Karen Brooke

Retire 2019 :
Mrs Lowri Cope (T)
Miss Felicity Ackroyd
Mr David Thornton (T)
Mrs Maureen Wood (T)

Bishop's Council Representative :	Mrs Gill Ireland
Cathedral Chapter Representative :	Reverend Canon Dr Ian Stockton
Independent Examiner :	Mr Colin J Ovenden MBE, OstJ, FCIB
Honorary Solicitor :	Mrs Kate Carlen

50th Anniversary Dinner

On Friday the 15th September 2017, to celebrate the 50th year of the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral, we are planning a celebration Dinner to be held at Café Northcote.

Prepared by their Michelin Starred Chefs, a pre-dinner drink, three course meal, with wine at your table, followed by coffee is included.

Numbers will be limited and tickets are priced at £50 each.

Its hoped to have a multimedia presentation celebrating all the achievements of the Friends over the last 50 years will be on display in the Cathedral prior to the celebration.

It promises to be a marvellous occasion and we look forward to welcoming many members to this exciting evening.

To book please contact :

Tony Cope - Treasurer

Clough House

Tor Side

Rossendale

Lancashire

BB4 4AJ

E-mail : treasurer@fobc.info

Telephone : 01706 215522

Cheques payable to : Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Electronic payments : FOBC

Sort Code : 01-00-85

Account : 04941268

Reference : FOBC Dinner

2016 Flower Festival Update

2016 saw one of the biggest events ever organised by the Friends. The Flower Festival staged in the Cathedral last year and which drew more than 7,000 people, was widely reported and we hope that many of you either visited the Festival, or saw some of the coverage, including the BBC news reporting and pictures from the brochure sent to you with the last newsletter. There are still some copies of this available, obtainable on request from Tony Cope the Friends Treasurer.

Visitors to the Festival continue to make return visits to the Cathedral and our regular visitors are still talking about the Festival, its inspiring installations, and the events which took place during the week.

For the Friends it was a huge success on many levels, not only raising over £16,500 for our funds, but also giving us and the Cathedral the opportunity of welcoming a large team of volunteer stewards, all the visitors and to offer the 100 flower arrangers a huge Northern and Christian welcome.

Despite being almost a year ago, the legacy of the festival lives on both (something here about how people are still talking) and financially, as mechanics used continue to be hired out or sold on, generating more funds.

The festival has also been officially recognised in the locality, a “Be Surprised” award, finalist in the Lancashire Tourism Awards, stimulated an entry into and winning of “Britain in Bloom” and more recently has been entered into “The Hive Blackburn with Darwen Awards” we await news to see if we have been shortlisted as a finalist.

Karen Brooke & Lowri Cope

Useful Contact Information :

Website :

www.fobc.info

or

www.blackburncathedral.co.uk

Chairman :

Canon Andrea Titterington

e-mail : chairman@fobc.info

Telephone : 01254 600894

Mobile : 07774 192516

Honorary Secretary :

Mrs Alison Givens

e-mail : secretary@fobc.info

Telephone : 07982 821274

Treasurer & Membership :

Mr Tony Cope JP

e-mail : treasurer@fobc.info

The Prayer of the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Heavenly Father,
We give thanks for the daily
Worship and witness of our Cathedral Church;
For the faith of those past and present
Whom you have blessed
through prayer and fellowship
and in bread and wine.
We ask that you will
guide and bless us, our Bishop
and the people of this Diocese
that we may grow in faith and love to
become a holy people.
So enliven us by your Spirit
that we may bear your healing love
to those who are full of joy and faith
as well as to those who are bewildered and broken.
And as we remember how Mary bore your blessed Son
into the world
so may we make Him known to others
for the fulfilment of our lives
and the healing of the nations.

Amen