

# Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Dates for your Diary :

## Advent Procession & Reception

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 – 5:30pm

Please reserve your attendance.

## Blackburn Cathedral Christmas Spectacular.

9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 7.00pm

Tickets £5 to £30 – Details on the Cathedral Website :

[www.blackburncathedral.com](http://www.blackburncathedral.com)

## Lunchtime Talk : Bill Dixon – Floral Demonstration and talk

6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 -12.00noon

## AGM - Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

20th May 2018 – 2.00pm Venue to be confirmed

**Thank you for your support to date and for the enhancement of Blackburn Cathedral for the Future.**

*Canon Andrea Titterington, Chair  
Friends of Blackburn Cathedral*

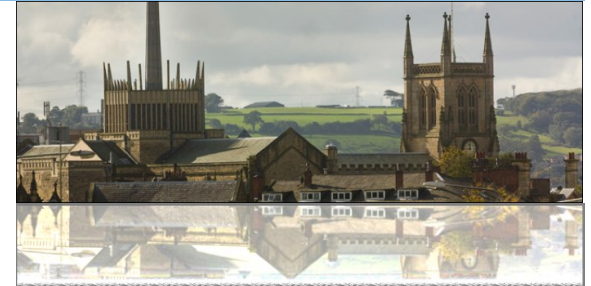
Don't forget all the information is on the  
Friends website at :

**fobc.info**

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## Autumn 2017 Newsletter



## Advent Procession Reception

The Advent Service will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6:30pm and will include music sung in procession by the Cathedral Choir, Cathedral's Girls' Choir and *Schola Cantorum* as well as the opportunity for all to join in the singing of the traditional Advent hymns.

A reception will be held in the Temple Gallery at 5:30pm for Members of FOBC. Please advise Alison Givens, Honorary Secretary **and No Later than 22nd November** of your attendance, for catering arrangements and a reserved seat for the service. Alison can be contacted on [secretary@fobc.info](mailto:secretary@fobc.info) or telephone 07982 821274.

## Conference of Cathedral Friends' Groups

Ely Cathedral is hosting the Conference of all Cathedral Friends' Groups in late October. Canon Val Edge, Gill Ireland and Felicity Ackroyd are to attend on behalf of FOBC. This is an important opportunity to share experiences and learn from other groups who have similar aims and objectives.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**

The dinner celebrating 50 years of the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral, held at Café Northcote on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, was a resounding success. It was attended by Dean Peter Howell-Jones and 2 former Deans accompanied by their wives. Prior to the dinner, Penny Warden and Floral Artist Sue Phillips, gave an insight into the inspiration for “The Journey” and Sue’s interpretation which she created for the Flower Festival and is still on display in the Cathedral.

A presentation was made to thank Judge Jeremy Duerden for his decade of service as FOBC’s Chairman.

The congenial atmosphere was complemented by the excellent food prepared by our Cathedral’s restaurant.

## **Lunchtime Talks**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, Phil Davenport spoke of the Olive Harvest tour of Palestine, giving Friends a clear view of the conditions and issues facing the communities living in areas of the Holy Land not witnessed by tourists.

For our next event, Bill Dixon, Creative Director of the Flower Festival, will give a talk and demonstration on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Bookings direct to Maureen Wood, Tel : 07473 980680  
email : alexjwood91@hotmail.com or post to  
Larkhill Cottages, 6 Silver Street, Hurst Green,  
Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 9QE

Cost £12.50 for members, £15 for non-members.

Places must be booked in advance to reserve your place.

## **Reminder**

Annual subscriptions are due in January 2018.

Please send your cheque to: Mr. Tony Cope, Treasurer  
Made payable to : Friends of Blackburn Cathedral and  
forward to FOBC, Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Close,  
Blackburn. BB1 5AA Or electronic transfer to : FOBC  
Sort Code: 01-00-85, Account Number 04941268  
Reference: 2018 Subscription

## **Plea**

Due to the ever increasing cost of postage, we are looking to lower the cost of our mailings. Therefore, if you are able to provide your e-mail address, please send it to our Hon. Secretary, Alison Givens at : [secretary@fobc.info](mailto:secretary@fobc.info)

If you do not have access to e-mail be assured that we will continue to send any correspondence by post.

## **2018**

As a Christmas gift have you thought about enrolling a friend into FOBC ? Contact [chairman@fobc.info](mailto:chairman@fobc.info) for more information or write to our secretary. You can also encourage your friends to become a member and invite them to enjoy our events, application forms are on our website - [fobc.info](http://fobc.info)

The Friends are delighted to support the recently launched 100 Club Cathedral Appeal for matched funding to the re-development of the Crypt, which will provide meeting and exhibition spaces and there are other new projects planned at the Cathedral in the near future, including the restoration and conversion of Church House.

As FOBC has done for the past 50 years, we will be looking to support this work, plus other items and projects.