

THE FRIENDS OF NEWPORT MINSTER

Newsletter 2018



The beautifully renovated East end of Newport Minster

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Situated above the High Alter lies this magnificent stain glass window, which depicts scenes of Christ's life and from the building of Solomon's temple until its destruction. The central larger picture window was destroyed in the bombing of Newport and restored through the help of the War Damage Commission.

Restored off-site during Phase 5 as part of the renewal campaign, this stunning window has now been returned to its former glory for all to enjoy.

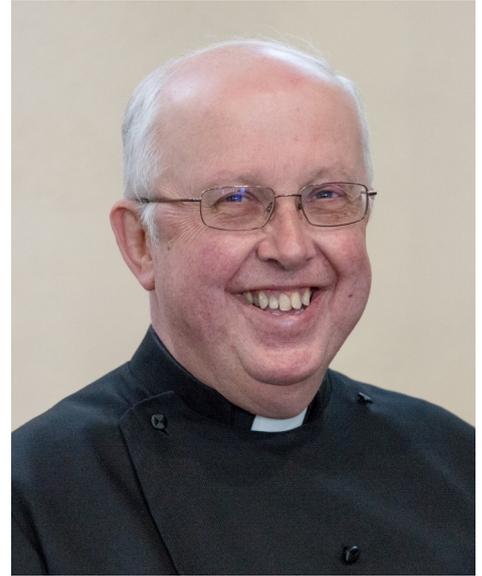
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Vicar's letter

Dear Friends

Each day as I enter the Minster my eyes are caught by the impressive stained glass windows above the High Altar. They act as a symbol of all that has been achieved through the Appeal and a challenge for what is possible in the future. Time and again visitors comment on the real impact that they make.

Thank you for your continuing support that helps to fund our Campaign Officer who does so much of all that is needed in our fund raising. We are still in need of expanding this support because we need to raise £15,000 a year just to keep the Appeal going. This is an enormous challenge that means we need to expand the number of people who support us.



This year we have made an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £1 million. We estimate the completion of the Appeal will cost £2.5 million. The next step is to have initial funding from HLF to develop our vision, achieve fixed costs and understand what compromises may be needed to achieve the completion of our Appeal.

This year our engagement with the Island community has continued to expand. The number of special services for sections of the community continue to increase. I was particularly moved by the "Celebration of Age" service sponsored by Age (UK). As I write we look forward to Advent and Christmas when once again we will have school services and Christmas events in the Minster.

In amongst all of this we are aware of the many who cross our doors with particular needs and we try to minister effectively to them. Often these are people who just happen to be in Newport on holiday and need support because of a particular need. Alongside this, we have others who are local people who find the Minster a place of sanctuary where there is space to pray, to be still and to reflect.

I am indebted to the many people who support me in my daily work. This year our work together is formally recognised by the Bishop inviting me to be an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral. I am always clear that our work is a team approach. The leadership of our Friends continues in the capable hands of our Chairman, Hector Kier, whose energy and support cannot be underestimated, and who relies heavily on his fellow Trustees and the Campaign Officer, to whom I know he too is very grateful.

Your priest and friend,

Rev'd Canon Kevin Arkell

Friends Outings

Royal Yacht Squadron

As part of the “benefits programme” for Friends of Newport Minster, Patrick Seely very kindly linked us up with David Hughes, the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) official Archivist, who invited the Friends to bring a party of up to 30 people to the Castle (as the RYS is affectionately known) for a Tour and Presentation focused on the history of the Club and the treasures, including pictures, clocks, furniture and various artefacts which adorn the premises and are housed there.

Many items had been donated over the centuries by members of the UK and other Royal Families and famous competitive boat owners and sailors.

“Deceivingly larger than it looks from the outside, we were given an enjoyable and informative guided tour of its treasures and history; my favourite items being two of Lord Nelson’s letters.

We ended the visit with a right royal high, Tea! A big thank you to all at the Squadron and to the Trustees for organising the visit.” - Friend

It was a most fascinating afternoon, which bearing in mind the considerable history could have gone on a lot longer than 3 or 4 hours, and we remain indebted to David Hughes for keeping us spellbound throughout. Then to cap it all the Squadron catering staff produced a Tea of truly royal quality and proportions, of which even Henry VIII would have been proud!

Hopefully those Friends who couldn’t join in this time will have an opportunity on another occasion in the future.



Royal Ocean Racing Club

Just before Easter the Friends were invited to dine in the Captain's Room of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) and start what now looks to be a regular event. After warming up with drinks in the bar on a wet, cold and windy evening, the Friends adjourned to the Captain's Room of RORC. There they enjoyed a three-course dinner by candlelight. There was much reminiscing and laughter. All agreed it had been a wonderful evening and that the occasion should be repeated.



The Friends have been invited by a member to use the Royal Ocean Racing Club for dinner again in the new year. This has been scheduled for 12th April 2019. If you would like to attend, please contact the Campaign Office to guarantee a space, as spaces will be limited.

Introducing Tamsin Overy, Campaign Officer

Since a very young age the Minster has been her family church. Born and bred on the Island, She joined St Thomas's' choir in the late 1980's where she remained for some years.

Over the years she has participated in various church social events playing the flute, visited residential homes with the choir and assisted with the Sunday school to name just a few.



She was Confirmed and some years later married in the Minster. In more recent years she has had her four boys Baptised in the Minster.

Having taken some time out from working in education to spend quality time with her young boys, Tamsin was looking for a new challenge, so when the opportunity arose in January this year to work with The Friends, she could not resist.

Tamsin is very much looking forward to working with the Friends and Trustees in the coming year.

The Heritage Board Project

This year brings new regulations in respect of seeking grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the opportunity to start in motion the work to complete the restoration and renewal of the Minster. As part of this a new committee of the PCC was formed and supported by the Friends of Newport Minster – The Heritage Board. The Heritage Board draws upon the expertise of our community that is generously supporting the Minster. Our Project Manager Rosie Fraser guided us with her skill and wisdom to piece together an application for £1 million. As part of this process we had to consult our community and then put together a wish list for the Minster. The pictures show a public consultation day with our architects. They provided us with 5 different possible interior plans and people from all walks of life made their views known.



Photos of the Public Consultation day held earlier this year in the Minster.

Introducing Rosie Fraser, Project Manager

Rosie Fraser has over 20 years' experience in the property sector. Her career has evolved over time, initially starting out as a graduate rural surveyor for Bidwells Property Consultants in Scotland, moving to Cambridge to become a partner with the same firm and then spending 9 years in the charity sector working for the Prince's Regeneration Trust. Rosie has been directly responsible for overseeing the repair and re-use of a number of heritage buildings, the most recent one being the regeneration of Middleport Pottery in Stoke-on-Trent, a £9m conversion project to accommodate the working pottery and create new workshop spaces, a visitor centre and café.



Rosie now works as a self-employed heritage consultant as this gives her the flexibility to work part-time and also spend time with her two young boys aged 3 and 5. She is also acting as a consultant for the Architectural Heritage Fund and the Diocese of London.

Newport Minster The Giant Bauble Challenge

A display of handmade baubles made by
Island schools and groups.

1st December
until 4th January 2019

Café open for speciality coffee and cake.



Keeping up to date

The internet and social media continues to grow in importance as a means of communication. Volunteers on behalf on the Friends and Newport Minster have gradually been adding more to the Minster website and regularly update the Minster Facebook page.

On the website you can now find information which relates to the upcoming week, services for the month, as well as photographs and videos.

On Facebook there have been daily posts, often linked to readings and prayers for the day, together with information of upcoming events. This has proved very popular with over 1000 interactions per month and this number continues to grow, with the majority of these neither belonging to the congregation nor Friends of the Minster.

Both the Minster website and Facebook page have enabled us to celebrate some of the events that would not have previously been covered, such as the Royal School of Church Music's Area Festival Celebration and the children of Medina House School celebrating their Harvest Festival, filling the Minster with over 450 people. The Minster is also looking forward to welcoming 9 different school events in December.



The volunteers are hoping that in the coming months they will be able to refresh and automate feeds to Twitter and Instagram, to enable an even wider reach, with a particular aim of reaching a younger audience.

You can actively help us by following the Minster Facebook, Twitter and Instagram Feeds ; liking them; sharing them and commenting on them.

The links are;

www.newportminster.org

www.facebook.com/NewportMinster

www.instagram.com/newportminster

How you can help

Newport Minster and the Friends are very grateful for the time and help that many people give throughout the year. It enables us to keep the church clean and tidy and open to welcome the thousands of people who come through the doors every year.

However, we always require more help! We understand lives are very busy, but any time that you could commit would really help us and be very appreciated.



Here are a few suggestions of how you can help us:

Volunteer your time - Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles. These include the cleaning of the Minster, running of the Minster Shop & Coffee Shop and Stewards to welcome visitors .

Are you good at organising or have some exciting ideas? Can you assist running events? Are you a keen photographer willing to capture the Minster in all its glory? or perhaps you're good with building maintenance? If so, please get in touch!

If time is limited then there are other ways in which you can help.

Visit the Minster - Throughout the year there are a number of events that take place. From concerts to exhibitions and social activities, as well as the daily and Sunday services. Be sure to visit the Minster website and follow us on Facebook for the latest
 Feeling thirsty? Bring your friends and treat yourself to a speciality coffee, tea or hot chocolate in the café.
 If you are feeling hungry then why not treat yourself to a delicious slice of homemade cake too!



Join the Friends of Newport Minster - Friends subscriptions help pay for the administration of the charity, including grant applications.

Give a donation - Individual donations, especially regular ones, help unlock money from Trusts and other organisations, as well as pay for the ongoing costs of publicity and administration. To make a donation visit our website or use the form provided with this newsletter.

Gift aid your donations. Gift Aid adds 25% to your donation at no extra cost to you. If you pay tax (enough to cover your gift and any other gifts you make) simply fill in the Gift Aid form provided with this newsletter.

Friends Membership

As a Friend you are part of the continuing development of the Minster and you will also be able to benefit from :



- 1. Two outings** to places of interest each year e.g. Carisbrooke Castle, the Royal Yacht Squadron and Royal Ocean Racing Club.
- 2. An annual Yuletide concert** in Newport Minster. This years concert is on Friday 7th December.
- 3. This annual Newsletter** with updates on the work.
- 4. AGM.** Attend the AGM of the Friends of Newport Minister, where you can ask questions and propose ideas for the future..

To find out more or join the Friends please fill in the form provided with this newsletter and return it to the Campaign Officer.

Christmas Events at Newport Minster

Events taking place in and around the Minster throughout December

Daily	10am - 12.30pm	Giant Baubles - A display of Baubles made by island schools and groups
Saturday 1st	10.00am	Christmas Cake Exhibition
Sunday 2nd	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Friday 7th	7.00pm	Yuletide Concert
Saturday 8th	11.30am	Carols in the Square
Sunday 16th	4.30pm	Christmas Carol Service
Tuesday 18th	7.00pm	Turn up and Sing 'Messiah'
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Family Communion with Nativity

For more information about services throughout December please visit the website www.newportminster.org



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Services & Events in the Minster

2018

Dec	Daily		Giant Bauble Display
	Sun	2 nd 18.30	Advent Carol Service
	Fri	7 th 19.00	Yuletide Concert
	Sat	8 th 11.30	Carols in the Square
	Sun	16 th 16.30	Christmas Carol Service
	Tue	18 th 19.00	Turn Up and Sing 'Messiah'
	Mon	24 th 10.30	Nativity with Family Communion
		15.00	Christingle Service for all the Family
		23.30	Midnight Mass
	Mon	25 th 10.30	Christmas Day Family Communion
	Sun	30 th 10.30	Minster Eucharist

2019

Jan	Sun	1 th 10.30	Epiphany Service
Mar	Wed	6 th	Ash Wednesday
	Sun	31 st 10.30	Mothering Sunday Service
Apr	Sun	14 th 11.00	Palm Sunday Service
	Thu	18 ^h	Maundy Thursday
	Fri	19 th	Good Friday Service
	Sun	21 st 10.30	Easter Day Service
May	Mon	13 th 18.00	The Friends of Newport Minster AGM
Jun	Sun	9 th	Pentecost
	Sun	16 th	Trinity Sunday
Jul	Sun	7 th	St Thomas' Day
Sep	Sun	29 th 10.30	Harvest Service
Oct	Mon	21 st	Law Service
	Sun	27 th 15.00	Town Memorial Service
Nov	Sun	3 rd 10.30	All Saints Sunday
	Sun	10 th 10.45	Remembrance Sunday Service - Starting at the War Memorial
	Mon	11 th	Remembrance Day
Dec	Sun	1 st 18.30	Advent Carol Service
	Sun	22 nd 16.30	Christmas Carol Service
	Tue	24 th 15.00	Christingle Service
		23.30	Midnight Mass

To keep up-to-date with all that is happening at the Minster visit
www.newportminster.org or our [Facebook page](#)

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