

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Fifty Fourth Annual Report



For the year ending 31st December 2020

**You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of
The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral
To be held via Zoom on Sunday the 9th May 2021 at 3.00pm**

To attend the meeting you will need the code and password which you can obtain by contacting The Secretary by email secretary@fobc.info or, writing to, Friends of Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Offices, Blackburn. BB1 5AA
The Secretary will then provide the details you will need to join the Zoom AGM.

Nominations are sought for each of the Officers; Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer/Membership Secretary and a Secretary to The Friends. In addition there are 6 Council members retiring by rotation, 3 deferred from 2020 and 3 due to retire this year.

We would prefer nominations to be submitted by **email** to our Secretary Karen Brooke, (secretary@fobc.info) using the following protocol:

- Nominations to be submitted by **Noon on Monday the 3rd May 2021**. Any received after that will not be considered.
- **There must be separate emails sent from your proposer for the post being nominated (from their own email address) and one from yourself, confirming your consent to be nominated.**
- **For Council member nominations please indicate if standing for those retiring in 2020 or those retiring in 2021.**
- In the case of a contested ballot, the ballot will take place during the Zoom meeting, supervised by The Dean.

Those elected from 2020 will serve 2 years and those elected from 2021, 3 years.

However as an alternative, contained within this booklet is a nomination form which must be completed and sent to the Cathedral Office, at the address on the form, to arrive no later than first post on Monday the 3rd May 2021.

Agenda :

1. Opening prayers led by the Dean
2. Welcome and apologies
3. Minutes of the Council Meeting 29th April 2020
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 Auditor
9. Any other business, Date of 2022 AGM

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Dedicated Telephone Number

Just a reminder that if you need to speak with a contact of The Friends, we have a dedicated telephone number for any queries or information you may have.

Telephone : 01254 449016

Subscriptions

Annual Subscriptions are due on the 1st January each year

| | |
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| Individual members | £15.00 |
| Joint members | £22.00 |
| Individual Life members | £150.00 |
| Joint Life members | £220.00 |
| Corporate members; including Schools, Parishes etc | £12.00 |

Appeal for email addresses

Can we once again appeal for members' email addresses. It is very helpful if we could stay in touch with our members by email. Not only does this save us costs but is a quick and efficient way of keeping you up to date with the happenings of the Friends. On publication of this bulletin we are going to circulate an electronic copy to all those email addresses we have on record. If your address bounces back or you don't have one we will put a note in with your printed copy as a reminder to confirm your email address.

As always you can contact the Treasurer/ Membership Secretary at :
treasurer@fobc.info

Thank you for your co-operation.

Summary of the minutes of the Meeting of the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Council to discuss matters from 2019, held by Zoom on Wednesday 29th April 2020

There were 13 members of the Friends' Council present.

Following opening prayers lead by the Dean, two apologies for absence were received and the Minutes of the Friends' Council Meeting held on 9th January 2020 were read.

Only two matters arising from those minutes were discussed; the annual donation to Cathedral Flowers and the agreement to fund 30 new Pew Bibles, which were ready to be purchased.

There was no correspondence.

The Chairman reminded Council that the AGM due to be held on Sunday 18th May 2020 had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the business of the meeting would be dealt with by the Friends' Council.

Minutes of the 2019 AGM:

These had been circulated in advance and with the addition of the actual number who attended (35) the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Annual Report and Accounts:

These had been circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as two separate items

Report:

Subject to the correction of minor errors, the Council unanimously approved the report. Proposed by Paul Mason, seconded by Laurence Wood.

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Accounts:

The Treasurer Tony Cope highlighted salient points and the accounts were unanimously adopted by the meeting. Proposed by Laurence Wood and seconded by Paul Mason.

Officers and Officials:

The Council accepted the recommendation of the Trustees that all officers and officials should remain in place until May 2021. All were willing to continue in their role as were the three Council members Laurence Wood, Joan Dorich and Dr. Stephen Brooke due to retire at the AGM in May 2020.

Flower Festival:

Dr Brooke explained the rationale behind the initial postponement and later cancellation of the event. This had been done very reluctantly after full consideration of unlikely availability of artistic directors, national and international exhibitors, concerns over public confidence and future funding for the event.

Council members had been informed prior to the announcement being made in the public arena.

Dr Brooke pointed out they were fully aware of the financial implications to FOBC Council having to take this course of action. He went on to say that communications had been made with all ticket holders asking them to consider donating all or some of their ticket refund to help to cover the considerable expenses already incurred. He was happy to report that to date there had been a good response. Communications had also gone out to all the sponsors asking them if they would donate some or all of their money to help cover the costs so we could at least break even. It was pointed out that the sponsors had already had the benefit of some advance publicity through posters and promotion of our Flower Festival website. Some sponsors had replied and we were waiting for a reply from others.

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It looked at this stage that we had covered our costs so no there would be no financial implications to either the Trustees or FOBC Council.

Future Projects:

The Dean reported that many of the projects as outlined at the last Council meeting had been put on hold but not forgotten. He stated that as a result of the lockdown, there have been live broadcast of services from the Cathedral and the Chapter were considering the use of two cameras to enhance the quality. He asked whether or not the FOBC Council would contribute towards the costs and this request was unanimously agreed in principle, subject to seeing full information about costs and what they cover as well as resource implications.

No date was set for the next meeting.

Chairman's Report

To quote HM The Queen in 1992, it was an '*annus horribilis*' and the same could be said for us in 2020. The short phrase "The COVID 19 pandemic and lockdowns" provide the reason why.

At the beginning of 2020, plans for the Cathedral Flower Festival in June, organised and underwritten by the Friends, were well advanced with excellent sponsorship and advanced bookings being very positive. This was due to the efforts of Stephen & Karen Brooke and Tony & Lowri Cope who had put so much voluntary time and effort building on their experiences in organizing and running our 2016 Cathedral Flower Festival. Their report is a separate item in this year's annual report but I wanted to publicly thank them all for their dedication and significant time spent in the build-up only to be thwarted by the dreaded virus and lockdown which meant the Flower Festival had to be cancelled.

COVID 19 also caused us to cancel our 2020 Annual Meeting scheduled for May at the Cathedral due to lockdown. The Cathedral, together with many other buildings, being closed for the three months of April, May and June. Many Trusts, whose AGM's fell during this period, decided to ask if those in office or were due to retire, would stay on in their existing positions for a further year. The Trustees called a meeting, which was held virtually on Zoom on 29th April, 2020 and everyone who was either due to retire or who held executive office, agreed to remain post. The minutes of this meeting have been transcribed in this annual report on pages 5 – 7 in lieu of the normal previous year's AGM minutes. The 2019 Annual report was then produced and circulated to all Friends.

During 2020, the FOBC Council, which includes the Trustees, continued to meet on Zoom to ensure that essential business was transacted as well as supporting the Cathedral as best we could and this continues into 2021.

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We were very fortunate to receive some significant legacies during 2020 which has enabled us to donate £30,000 to the Cathedral towards the essential restoration to the Cathedral's structure with essential repointing having to be undertaken as a matter of urgency. More detail about this is in the report from our Treasurer. We have continued to fund flowers to support the beatification of the Cathedral each week and we thank Raymond Smith, our Vice Chair, for his skills and professionalism with many positive comments being received about his displays.

Vaccination of those most vulnerable (groups 1-4) with their first jab had been completed by mid-February with most of those in groups in 5 and 6 have similarly received their first vaccination. We are so proud that the Cathedral is playing such an important part by using the Crypt to become one of the vaccination hubs. A positive spin off from this is that so many of the local community have come into the Cathedral for the first time and we hope not the last. Yesterday, Mothering Sunday (14th March), the Cathedral re-opened for communal worship and prayer as numbers of deaths, admissions to hospital and those who had been tested positive for COVID had significantly fallen. By the time you read this report, it is hoped that some of the more draconian restrictions will have been lifted enabling us to get back to whatever the 'new normal' might be. However, this will not be in time for our Annual Meeting which is to be held this year on Zoom commencing at 3pm on Sunday 9th May, 2021 with our Dean being the guest speaker.

Finally, may I thank particularly our Treasurer, Tony Cope and our Secretary, Karen Brooke, for all their work over the last 12 months and everyone else who have contributed in what has been a very frustrating year.

David Thornton

Chair and Trustee – Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Council.

Lunchtime Talks

The pandemic caused The Friends to suspend our Lunch Time Talks through 2020, but it is hoped that the talks at the Cathedral can recommence in 2021 and be interspersed with visits elsewhere. Those events which unfortunately had to be cancelled can be quickly reinstated when we are free and able to meet up again.

Firstly the visit to Blackburn Museum with a tour of the icons and lunch back at the Cathedral.

Then a visit to the famous Tiffany glass collection and talk by the curator and lunch at Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington.

A talk by Dr David Grimes at the Cathedral followed by lunch in the Temple Gallery.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Should you be interested in our future events please look at our website www.fobc.info to see the Talks and planned Events on the respective pages or write to :

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

Telephone : 01254 449016 or email: [secretary @fobc.info](mailto:secretary@fobc.info)

Please join us and bring along your friends.

Maureen Wood

Flower Festival Report

It was with great sadness and regret that the decision was taken last spring to cancel the 2020 Flower Festival. Plans were well under way; the team having been working hard for many months in the dedicated Flower Festival Office in Church House, meeting prospective sponsors, flower designers and volunteers.

There was great appetite and enthusiasm in the Cathedral, the town and amongst designers to create a splendid spectacle to surpass even the success and buzz created by the 2016 festival.

Sponsors, both old and new had signed up to support the festival and media, press and social media promotion was attracting attention and the anticipation of another successful festival was palpable.

March saw the first lockdown due to Covid-19 and as time went on it became obvious that, due to the serious pandemic which was gripping the whole country and the world, the Festival could not go ahead.

Lowri, Karen, Stephen and Tony would like to thank everyone who had already invested so much time and energy into the organising and supporting the Festival. It promised to be another amazing opportunity to bring people from all over the country into the Cathedral and Blackburn, but sadly it was not to be.

The Flower Festival Team

Displays of flowers in the Cathedral funded by The Friends



A Message from the Dean

It is impossible to reflect on Cathedral life this last year without considering the impact of COVID-19 across our world and nation. As I write, on the eve on the anniversary of the first lockdown, I am aware of just how much we have had to carry as individuals and as a nation; the burden of lives lost, unexpected grief and pain, vulnerabilities exposed and isolation, loneliness, and financial hardship for many.

During this time, we have also learnt that it is the small things in life that are important: a hug, the freedom to leave home, the shaking of a hand, a visit to members of our family and eating with friends. Indeed, friendship will, I'm sure, be even more important in the years to come as we reflect on just how important friendship is to our wellbeing as human beings.

This is, of course, a wonderful reminder of just how important the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral are in our life and wellbeing as a community at the Cathedral.

This year Chapter have been grateful to receive financial support for significant work to the exterior of the building. We have had initial conversations about support for equipment for live streaming our worship and associated events. This will be a great blessing to many who, not only during the pandemic, find themselves unable to attend the Cathedral as regularly as they once did. With this particular project, the Friends Council asked for additional information to support our application which we are very happy to supply – and we hope before the end of April to be able to supply a report that will outline our proposals in more detail.

One of the unexpected positives of COVID has been the development of worship on-line. For fifty-two weeks we have 'up-loaded' Sunday worship at 9.00am together with a weekly reflection on the Cathedral YouTube channel. Evening prayer is open to all on ZOOM and morning prayer is available on YouTube. Throughout this period, we have seen new people join us and have had the opportunity to explore new and creative ways of engaging in worship on-line.

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As we move forward there are two significant projects under consideration for which we hope to be able to gain support from FOBC during the coming years. These include a reordering of the Jesus Chapel and the development of a small part of the Crypt, originally designated as the Chapter House. That said, until we are the other side of COVID much of our thinking is on hold, but we do hope that before the end of the year we can at least place our aspirations and plans on the table for discussion.

The year cannot pass without me highlighting the disappointment of so many both locally and nationally following the cancellation of the Flower Festival in 2020. The energy, dedication and total commitment of Lowri Cope and Karen Brooke was inspiring. But once the reality of the COVID pandemic became apparent it was clear that the show could not go ahead. I just want to say a very big thank you to them and FOBC for the commitment to deliver the festival and their willingness to accept early on in the pandemic that cancellation was the only option. I do hope that the bulbs are only in hibernation and that they might blossom again very soon!

As Dean, on behalf of the Chapter, I would like to thank the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral for their ongoing support in all that we seek to do as a Christian community. I have valued friendship and hope that you will continue to play a significant part in our mission and ministry in the year to come.

With every blessing.

*The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones,
Dean of Blackburn and President of the Friends*

Treasurer and Membership Report

After a very difficult and challenging year for Charities, I am pleased to be able to present a positive report of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020 to The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral.

After comments made last year by our independent examiner, following his review of the 2019 accounts, we have changed the way of reporting our financial affairs by including any donations to the Cathedral as an expense rather than a grant from our reserves as we have shown in the past. In 2019 we made a grant to the Cathedral of £3,000, however as we have already declared our surplus for 2019 to the Charity Commission, the grant to the Cathedral in 2019 is not shown in these accounts for comparison purposes.

Had we not changed our way of reporting our grants to the Cathedral, I would be reporting a surplus of £4,742.65 for 2020, but bringing the grant to the Cathedral into the expenses as we now do means I report a deficit for the year of £25,257.35 after the grant of £30,000 for the works detailed in the Chairman's report, which in turn was match funded towards the £100,000 costs of this work.

With plans well advanced, after deciding to cancel the Flower Festival it presented a number of financial challenges to the Friends having already spent some £30,000 in preparation for the event.

Dr Brooke has already outlined the strategy for mitigating the possible financial exposure to the Friends in the summary of the Council meeting minutes. Thanks to the generosity of ticket holders and sponsors, many of whom either donated part or a full contribution, we found ourselves able to cover the costs with a small surplus. There will be some additional costs in the current year whilst we move items stored at the Cathedral back to the storage facility.

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After defraying the grant to the Cathedral our cash at bank, including the balance in our Paypal account, stands at £181,234.82 and our total reserves £183,557.82.

Our accounts have been vetted by our appointed independent inspector Mr Alastair Harris. As previous, Alastair was extremely thorough and has approved the accounts for 2020. I thank him for undertaking this work on behalf of the Friends Charity.

Membership

Our membership has again reduced this year by 2 members to 247.

At the end of the year (Figures for 2019 are in brackets) are broken down as follows :

Joint Life 61 (62), Single Life 86 (91), Joint Annual 30 (27), Single Annual 41 (40) and Corporate 29 (29), this includes the members who have only part paid their subscriptions.

I thank all the members for their continued support and look forward to working with the Council members through 2021.

Tony Cope

Treasurer – March 2021

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Income and Expenditure Account 2020

A Charity to support Blackburn Anglican Cathedral

Registered with the Charity Commission - Number : 1047234

Financial Statement For the period up to 31st December 2020

| Receipts & Payments Account | | £ | £ | Last Year 2019 |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Receipts | | | | |
| Subscriptions | Annual | 792.00 | | 912.00 |
| | Corporate | 216.00 | | 243.00 |
| | Life | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Sub Total | | <u>1,008.00</u> | <u>1,155.00</u> |
| Donations | | 826.50 | | 909.00 |
| Gift Aid | | 1,208.91 | | 0.00 |
| Legacy Donations | | 0.00 | | 38,028.02 |
| Sundry Income | | 30.00 | | 496.00 |
| AGM | | 0.00 | | 337.50 |
| Lunches | | 25.00 | | 656.50 |
| Interest on Deposit Account | | 743.20 | | 1,384.85 |
| 50 th Anniversary Dinner | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Sub Total | | <u>2,833.61</u> | <u>41,811.87</u> |
| Total Receipts from Ordinary Activities | | | <u><u>3,841.61</u></u> | <u><u>42,966.87</u></u> |
| Payments | | | | |
| Promotional | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Administration | | 882.18 | | 188.53 |
| Grants to the Cathedral | | 30,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| AGM Expenses | | 0.00 | | 410.00 |
| Lunches | | 0.00 | | 506.60 |
| Cathedral Flowers | | 1,440.00 | | 0.00 |
| National Conference | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sundry Expenses | | 210.20 | | 1,671.70 |
| Total Payments | | | <u><u>32,532.38</u></u> | <u><u>2,8630.83</u></u> |
| Balance of : Net Receipts/(Payments) Ordinary Activities | | | <u><u>(28,690.77)</u></u> | <u><u>40,136.04</u></u> |

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2. FLOWER FESTIVAL

Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Flower Festival Income | 22,892.54 | 15,321.83 |
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Payments

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|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Total Flower Festival Expenses | 19,459.12 | 9,678.73 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|

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| Balance of : Net Receipts/(Payments) Flower Festival | <u>3,433.42</u> | <u>5,643.10</u> |
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3. SPECIAL FUNDRAISING

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| | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
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| TOTAL Receipts/(Payments) | <u>(25,257.35)</u> | <u>45,779.14</u> |
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Balance Sheet : 31st December 2020

| | £ | | £ |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Investment Assets : | Cost | Deprn. | N.B.V. |
| Display Boards | 1,100.00 | 1,100.00 | 0.00 |
| Flower Festival | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| F Festival Container | 2,322.00 | 0.00 | 2,322.00 |
| F Festival "Urns" | 2,250.00 | 2,249.00 | 1.00 |

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|-------------------------|--|--|----------|
| Total Investment Assets | | | 2,323.00 |
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Current Assets :

Cash at Bank : 31st December 2020

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|--------------------------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Nat West Current Account | 1,529.42 | | |
| CCLA Deposit Account | 179,664.25 | 181,193.67 | |
| PayPal Flower Festival Account | | | 41.15 |
| Loan to the Cathedral | | | 0.00 |

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|---------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| Total Assets | | | 183,557.82 |
|---------------------|--|--|-------------------|

Represented by : Opening Balances : 1st January 2020

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|---------------------|--|--|----------|
| Fixed Assets | | | 2,323.00 |
|---------------------|--|--|----------|

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|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Current Assets | | | 25,546.57 |
| Nat West Current Account | 25,546.57 | | |
| CCLA Deposit Account | 165,921.05 | 191,467.62 | |
| PayPal Flower Festival Account | | | 24.55 |
| Loan to the Cathedral | | | 15,000.00 |
| Sub Total | | | 208,815.17 |
| Add : Net Receipts/(Payments) | | | (25,257.35) |

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|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| TOTAL RESERVES | | | 183,557.82 |
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List of Officers

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Patrons | The Rt Rev Julian Henderson, The Lord Bishop of Blackburn. The Rt Rev Nicholas Reade, Bishop of Blackburn Emeritus. The Rt Rev Alan Chesters, Bishop of Blackburn Emeritus. The Very Rev David Frayne, Dean Emeritus. |
| President | The Very Rev Peter Howell-Jones, The Dean of Blackburn. |
| Vice President | The Very Rev Christopher Armstrong, Dean Emeritus. |

Officers (T - Trustee)

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Chairman | Mr David Thornton (T) |
| Vice Chairman | Mr Raymond Smith (T) |
| Secretary | Mrs Karen Brooke (T) |
| Treasurer and Membership Secretary | Mr Anthony Cope JP (T) |

Council Members (T - Trustee)

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|----------------------|----------------|
| Retire 2020 | Retire 2021 |
| Mr Laurence Wood (T) | Canon Val Edge |
| Mrs Joan Dorich | Canon Jo Venn |
| Dr Stephen Brooke | Mr Paul Mason |

Retire 2022
Mrs Lowri Cope (T)
Mrs Maureen Wood (T)
Mrs Kath Atkinson

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bishop's Council Representative | Mrs Gill Ireland |
| Cathedral Chapter Representative | The Very Rev Peter Howell-Jones |
| Independent Examiner | Mr Alistair Harris |
| Honorary Solicitor | Mrs Kate Carlen |

Useful Contact Information :

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Cathedral Close
Blackburn
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Blackburn Cathedral :

Cathedral Close
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BB1 5AA
Telephone : 01254 277430

Websites :

www.fobc.info
or
www.blackburncathedral.co.uk

Chairman :

Mr David Thornton

e-mail : chairman@fobc.info

Honorary Secretary :

Mrs Karen Brooke

e-mail : secretary@fobc.info

Treasurer & Membership :

Mr Tony Cope JP

e-mail : treasurer@fobc.info



**Friends of Blackburn Cathedral
NOMINATION FORM**

For the post of
Chairman/Vice Chairman/Honorary Secretary/Honorary Treasurer &
Membership Secretary/Council Member

Person Nominated

Address

..... Post Code.....

Nominated by (Member)

Address

..... Post Code.....

Signed Date

If a Council Member Nomination year of retirement: ***2020** or ***2021**
(*Delete as appropriate)

Declaration by Nominee

I,

Accept the nomination to the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Signed Date

Completed forms to be submitted to :

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

No later than first post Monday the 3rd May 2021

Cathedral Slide Show

Members will recall that in our 2019 Autumn Newsletter we mentioned the discovery of slides and commentary of our Cathedral.

The slide show was created in about 1966 by Friends led by long-time member Dr. John Bertalot.

At the time the series of colour slides with commentary about our Cathedral which was taken around the diocese to help raise funds for the Cathedral's completion. It included 'before and after' slides of the nave and crypt.

It was this collection that was presented to William and Sarah Thompson showing what their munificence had contributed to our Cathedral as they gave £50,000 to beautify the nave and £25,000 to build the Lantern Tower. These were enormous sums of money in those days for which the Cathedral was extremely grateful.

We are in the process of having this transferred to a digital format and look to offer copies to anyone wishing to purchase one, cost will be £10.

If you would like to reserve a copy please contact our Secretary Karen Brooke who will hold your interest on file and let you know when they become available.

Views of the Recent Cathedral Pointing



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

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

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Financial Statement for 2020

For the Period up to :

31 December 2020

| Receipts & Payments Account | | £ | £ | Last Year 2019 |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Receipts | | | | |
| Subscriptions | Annual | 792.00 | | 912.00 |
| | Corporate | 216.00 | | 243.00 |
| | Life | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Total Subscriptions | | | 1,008.00 | 1,155.00 |
| Donations | | 826.50 | | 909.00 |
| Legacy Donations | | 0.00 | | 38,028.02 |
| 50th Anniversary Dinner | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| HMRC Gift Aid & Interest | | 1,208.91 | | 0.00 |
| Xmas Card Sales | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Theatre Visit | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| London Trip | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sundry Income | | 30.00 | | 496.00 |
| AGM | | 0.00 | | 337.50 |
| Creation Exhibition | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Lunches | | 25.00 | | 656.50 |
| Interest on Deposit Account | | 743.20 | | 1,384.85 |
| Concert | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sub Total | | | 2,833.61 | 41,811.87 |
| Total Receipts from Ordinary Activities | | | 3,841.61 | 42,966.87 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Xmas Cards | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 50th Anniversary Dinner | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Promotional | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Donation to Cathedral Flowers | | 1,440.00 | | 0.00 |
| Theatre Visit | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| London Trip | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Administration | | 882.18 | | 188.53 |
| National Conference | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| AGM Expenses | | 0.00 | | 410.00 |
| Creation Exhibition | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Lunches | | 0.00 | | 560.60 |
| Sundry Expenses | | 210.20 | | 1,671.70 |
| Friends & Flowers | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Concert | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Flower Workshop | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Grants to the Cathedral | (1) | 30,000.00 | | - |
| Total Payments for Ordinary Activities | | | 32,532.38 | 2,830.83 |
| Sub Total : Net Receipts/(Payments) | | | (28,690.77) | 40,136.04 |
| 2. FLOWER FESTIVAL | | | | |
| Receipts | | | | |
| Flower Festival Income | | 22,892.54 | | 15,321.83 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Total Flower Festival Expenses | | 19,459.12 | | 9,678.73 |
| Sub Total : Net Receipts/(Payments) | | (2) | 3,433.42 | 5,643.10 |
| 3. SPECIAL FUNDRAISING | | | | |
| Friends Fountain Appeal - Total | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL : Net Receipts/(Payments) | | | (25,257.35) | 45,779.14 |

Notes

- (1) Grants to the Cathedral is Matched funding for the repointing of the external walls
The £15,000 Loan being allocated as part of this funding
- (2) The "Surplus" from the Flower Festival is a direct result of generous Donations to the Charity by Sponsors and Ticket holders who chose to donate all or part of their financial commitment to the

Balance Sheet

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Investment Assets :

| | Cost | Deprn. | N.B.V. | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Display Boards | 1,100.00 | 1,100.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Mechanics F 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 | 2,249.00 | 1.00 | | 1.00 |
| Total Investment Assets | 6,172.00 | 3,849.00 | 2,323.00 | | 2,323.00 |

Current Assets :

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|------------|------------|--|
| Cash at Bank : | 31 December 2020 | | | | |
| Nat West Current Account | | | 1,529.42 | | |
| CCLA Deposit Account | | | 179,664.25 | 181,193.67 | |
| Paypal Flower Festival Account | | | | 41.15 | |
| Loan to the Cathedral | | | | 0.00 | |

TOTAL ASSETS**183,557.82****Represented by :****Fixed Assets :**

2,323.00

Opening Bank Balances :

1 January 2020

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|--------------------|--|
| Nat West Current Account | | 25,546.57 | | |
| CCLA Deposit Account | | 165,921.05 | 191,467.62 | |
| Paypal Flower Festival Account | | | 24.55 | |
| Loan to the Cathedral | | | 15,000.00 | |
| Add : Net Receipts/(Payments) | | | (25,257.35) | |
| Sub Total | | | 183,557.82 | |

TOTAL RESERVES**183,557.82**

The Accounts have been prepared in Accordance with the Accounting & Reporting by Charities :
Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 (SORP) under the Charities Act 2011

Notes :

| | | | Balance To Be Allocated |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Legacy Donations : | | Legacy Payments : | |
| Leonard Mack | 2,000.00 | Library Shelves | 6,874.80 |
| Millie Balmer | 5,152.47 | | |
| Canon Gaililee | 5,000.00 | | |
| Canon Rees | 2,000.00 | | |
| Christopher Ford | 75,000.00 | | |
| Nicholas Ford | 40,000.00 | | |
| Elisabeth Parry | 21,000.00 | | |
| Ford Brothers | 10,172.78 | | |
| Elisabeth Parry | 25,855.74 | | |
| Mavis Mary Riding | 2,000.00 | | |
| Total : | 188,180.99 | 6,874.80 | 181,306.19 |

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of "Friends of Blackburn Cathedral". Charity Number 1047234.

I report on the accounts of "Friends of Blackburn Cathedral" for the year ended 31st December, 2020 which are set out on the attached Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

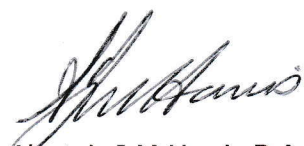
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



Alastair J M Harris B.Acc
(Retired Finance Executive and Company Secretary)
16th March, 2021