



The Friends of York Minster

Autumn Newsletter 2019

This year we were able to hold our AGM on St Peter's Day, June 29th, and it was wonderful to share the day with so many of you including the Lord Mayor of York, Mrs Janet Looker. We welcomed our new Dean, Rt. Rev. Dr Jonathan Frost, and his wife Christine. After the AGM Jonathan talked about himself and his background.

At the AGM we elected 2 new members to Council.

- Helen Gregory has served on Council before and is very actively involved with the Friends as she arranges outings, helps organise the Autumn Holiday and bakes delicious cakes for coffee mornings.
- Dr Trevor Julian has also served on Council before and is the Editor of our Annual Report.

After eating our customary delicious tea in the Chapter House we celebrated Solemn Eucharist, with magnificent singing by the Minster Choir, before returning to the Chapter House for Prosecco and Strawberries. Everyone agreed that it had been a splendid day and members had enjoyed meeting and talking to each other. Many thanks to everyone who was involved in organising the day and helping it to run smoothly.

Like many organisations we are finding it more difficult to recruit new members and would appreciate your help. Tell your friends what we do and ask them to join us.

We are grateful for the work of our many volunteers but would like more members to help stuff envelopes or deliver Reports. We would also like some help with our Membership Roll and our IT system. If you feel you have some spare time and would be able to help, please phone the Office.

We have two Christmas cards this year: a view of the Minster from Precentor's Court and a Nativity Scene from the Reredos in the Lady Chapel. An order form for the cards is included with this mailing. The cards, diaries, notelets and bags, will be for sale at the Coffee mornings, the lecture in November, and from the Friends Office in Church House or by returning the order form. I hope that you will support us by buying some cards. Please remember that in past years our cards have sold out quickly.

Many thanks for all your support, **Meg Shorland-Ball**