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CATHEDRAL



*May 1981*

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FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

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*Retire 1981*

Mr. A. A. Anderson  
Mr. W. E. Heath  
Major L. J. Melhuish  
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*Retire 1982*

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*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:*

Rev. L. Fry, The Precinct, Rochester



Badge of the Friends of  
Rochester Cathedral

### PARTICULARS OF MEMBERSHIP

THE Association of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral was formed in 1935, as it was felt that there were many who would like to be associated with this ancient and interesting church and to have a share in the preservation and upkeep of the fabric.

The Diocese and Cathedral of Rochester go back to the beginning of English Christianity. This is not to be confused with Christianity in what we now speak of as England, for Christianity flourished in Kent soon after the year A.D. 200, and although there is no proof of a Christian Church in Rochester in those early days, there is at least a likelihood that there was one. The Mission sent by Pope Gregory the Great, and welcomed and aided by King Ethelbert, secured the founding of the See of Canterbury about A.D. 597, and those of Rochester and London in A.D. 604. Close to the West Door of the Cathedral the foundations of the apse of the old Saxon Church were discovered—semi-circular lines just inside the Cathedral mark the site—and the foundations of its Nave walls were traced running westwards across the cemetery outside. No foundations of a western apse have been discovered. The Cathedral Church as it stands today is an interesting epitome of English architecture from early Norman to the present century—the latter represented by restoration work.

All who care for this venerable church are asked to join the Association, to help the Dean and Chapter bear the responsibility of preserving for future generations a building which stands for so much in the history of our National Church.

The membership of the Friends remains at about 1,000. This means that thousands have enrolled through the years but our new membership at present does not cover our losses. We really need a considerable increase in both individual and corporate members. Friends' contributions have helped to carry out work of improvement and maintenance in many ways. The monastic buildings and cloister have been opened

up and the garth is increasingly being used in summer months by those who are looking for a place of quiet, not to mention those who like to bring their sandwiches at lunch time. The new St. Andrew's Visitors' Centre is being increasingly used.

The inside of the Norman nave has been cleaned and shows afresh the variety of its decoration. The new stone platform for the nave altar has been built and perhaps its greatest commendation is that it looks as if it has always been there. It has, it is believed, added to the dignity of worship and been an asset for productions of music, drama and ballet. While the work in preparation for this was being carried out remains were discovered confirming the theory that a pre-Conquest Church, subsequent to the original Saxon Church at the west of the nave, lay immediately under the present Norman nave. Contributions have not been confined to the building itself, but have much assisted in the maintenance of the organ. The steady work of maintaining the fabric has gone on and the cleaning and repair of the exterior has revealed still further the beauty of the building.

We were pleased to defray the cost of replacing the tiles in the Transcept after the disastrous eruption in 1976. From the list of grants paid which appear on another page, and those to which we are committed in the Treasurer's Report, you will see the substantial contribution being made by the Friends to the upkeep of the Cathedral. If we are to meet the calls for our help, and continue the good work commenced in 1935, new members are urgently needed. Will you please help through your family and friends? If you know of anyone who might be interested a copy of this report will be readily sent if you will let us have their name and address.

The minimum subscription is £2 per annum. It has been kept as low as possible so as not to preclude as many as possible from joining. It is of course hoped that many will be able to give a larger sum, and we are very indebted to all those who give generously in excess of the minimum. There is also a Corporate Membership for Schools, Colleges, Parochial Church Councils, etc., with a minimum subscription of £2 per annum, whilst individual Life Membership is £20 per annum, or a joint Life Membership for husband and wife, £30. Boys and girls under 18 years of age 10p per annum. Each Friend receives a Card of Membership, and a copy of the Annual Report is sent to all adult members, when published, paying £2 p.a. and above. A form of application

will be found at the end of this report which can be completed and sent to the Secretary at the Friends' Office.

We also have our Junior Groups. The Groups themselves are Sunday Schools, Schools, Youth Clubs, etc. The Groups at present enrolled are mainly Sunday Schools, of which we have 12. We are delighted that Miss Le Grove is acting as Secretary for our Junior Groups, and her report will be found on another page. Particulars concerning the Groups will be readily sent upon request.

Friends who visit the Cathedral and attend Festivals are asked to wear the Badge of Membership, illustrated on the cover. It consists of a gold scallop on a red field with the words "Friends of Rochester Cathedral" round the rim and the date of the inception. Badges are 30p (10p for Junior Members) and may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

### FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

'The mood of the Church and of Christian people in England is strangely confident, at a time when the political, economic and social prospect at home is bleak and when storm clouds gather in central and eastern Europe, and in the Middle East. There seems to have been a recovery of nerve, a renewal of trust—and of the Christian hope that God will guide his people through change and chance, calling them to be His own. The confidence shows itself in manifold ways—steadfastness and, increasingly, growth in places where previously there had been decline; increases in the numbers of people coming forward for confirmation and in the number of communicants; a livelier interest in the faith; more men and women offering themselves for ministry; the readiness and effectiveness of so many parishes in facing an increasing financial burden; the enthusiasm with which copies of The Alternative Service Book are being snapped up. There is a new confidence in the leadership of the Church, which no longer seems (as it did in the storm-tossed sixties) to be "up and down in Adria". Cheerfulness keeps breaking in'.

These are not my words. They were penned by the anonymous author of the Preface to the Church of England Year Book for 1981 (which, incidentally, also pays gracious tributes to the diocese of Rochester for its loyalty to the principles of synodical government and to Canon Welsby as "a remarkably effective leader of the House"). But I am happy to make them my own and to share them with you as an accurate summary of the present mood of the Church

of England, not only at national level but also at local level, where we know it and love it best, in Rochester Cathedral.

The report of the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shows the extent to which this mood has been mirrored in the Friends; and I want to add my thanks to his for the 'steadfastness' of so many, which we almost take for granted in Friends and also for the 'livelier interest, readiness and effectiveness' which are beginning to show themselves, particularly in the splendidly successful Kentish Evening at Crittenden House and in the plans which are being made for other social and fund-raising events.

I never cease to be amazed at as well as thankful for all those near and far who turn their affection for our Cathedral to good account by giving generously of their time and talents and money. Let two variegated examples suffice. During the past year Gravesend School have given a concert and the patrons of the Coopers' Arms a pile of pennies for Cathedral funds.

Friends, especially Mr. A. A. J. Anderson, were to the fore in mounting the splendidly imaginative Cathedral Charity Auction in April 1980, which raised £11,207.63. This has been wisely invested and the proceeds should go a long way towards paying for the initial costs of the St. Andrew's Centre for Visitors, which has had a good year catering for the varied needs of visitors, school parties and the congregation. How did we ever manage without it?

The Centre and the Gift Stall both operate through a mixture of professional staff and voluntary helpers, and we are grateful to all. Perhaps we are learning lessons about the nature of work and its relationship to leisure and reward which can be contributed to the debate in society at large. Meanwhile, we have developed a good relationship with the Manpower Services Commission and have been able to provide two new jobs for its Youth Opportunities Programme.

During the past year Canon Martin Baddeley left to become Principal of the Southwark Ordination Course after a ministry here which was widely appreciated among Cathedral folk and throughout the diocese. In his place we welcome Canon Henry Stapleton with his wife Mary and daughters Helen and Jane. Canon Stapleton, who is a member of the Council for the Care of Churches, brings an enviable knowledge of ancient buildings, which the Friends will surely wish to tap; and we have done him the rather disconcerting honour of electing him immediately to the office of Precentor. He has also been appointed Warden of Readers by the Bishop—continuing the good tradition of involving all the Canons of the Cathedral in responsibility for some aspect of the church's wider ministry.

With the agreement of the Chapter the Bishop has revived the fourth Canonry (suspended since the closing of Rochester Theological College). He has appointed the Revd. Edward Turner—from Tonbridge School like Canon Harry Gripper before him—to hold that Canonry and to be Director of Education.

These two appointments—one basically a Cathedral post, one basically Diocesan—are of the greatest significance for the life of the Cathedral and its relationship with the Diocese. In a diocese like ours, where there is no university or theological college, it is appropriate that the Cathedral as the Mother Church should be not only a school of sacred song but also a centre for sacred study. The next few years are not going to be easy for the clergy in the parishes. They will have to work hard—perhaps too hard—simply to sustain the parochial system of administering word and sacraments and of meeting the pastoral and other expectations of the English people. It is more than ever important that they should be well-trained, both before and during their ministry, stimulated to continue with their studies and to think new thoughts and encouraged to co-operate with trained laity, especially Readers. Canon Welsby is already in charge of Post-Ordination Training and Archdeacon Palmer is chairman of the Training Council, which has produced and which administers the Foundation Course. We can now look forward to the day when most of the training and further education in the Diocese (with the one big exception of Women's Ministry) comes back to the Cathedral with members of the Chapter supporting each other and accepting a common discipline of service and scholarship for the sake of making disciples and of helping men and women to go on being, like them, learners in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 13.52). This has always been part of my vision of what a Cathedral could be. I rejoice to see it come a few steps closer and I am glad to take this opportunity of sharing it with the Friends, confident of their support and asking for their prayers for my colleagues and myself as we enter on this new phase in our Cathedral's history.

The 850th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Nave was celebrated with due solemnity on Ascension Day 1980 with a great Thanksgiving Service at which the preacher was the Dean of Westminster. One of the most moving events—and most symbolical of the contemporary church—was the arrival in the Cathedral of the Ecumenical Pilgrimage from Bec. And, given the great love and care which the Friends have for the Garth, perhaps the most memorable for us was the unveiling by the Minister for the Arts, The Rt. Hon. Norman St. John Stevas M.P. and the Dedi-

cation by the Bishop of John Doubleday's lovely statue 'Mary and the Child Christ'—a thing of beauty and a joy for ever.

Scarcely had those festivities ceased, when we found ourselves celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Bishop with a Sung Eucharist in the Cathedral, an occasion which was magnificent and also deeply moving. It was good that the Bishop—surely one of the best friends a Cathedral ever had—should have felt great waves of affection breaking over him in his Cathedral Church. Anthony Trollope must have been turning in his grave, and with him all those who expect Cathedrals to be at loggerheads with dioceses and Deans and Chapters with their Bishops.

Turning to the future, we have the Flower Festival to look forward to; and we are all very grateful that it has proved possible to hold our own AGM and Festival at the same time. In 1982 the Pope will be visiting England, and coming to Canterbury at the invitation of the Archbishop. The Dean of Canterbury has done us the honour of inviting our Cathedral Choir to join forces with theirs on that occasion, which will surely be a great day in the history of the church and of the ecumenical movement. The two choirs sing so well together that we are planning an adventurous joint visit to East Germany in the spring of 1983, the 500th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther.

I expect that members of the Friends will also be travelling widely and I should like to encourage them to visit other Cathedrals at home and abroad and in particular to see what other Friends are doing. I find that since becoming Dean I look with quite different eyes at what I see in Cathedrals and I am constantly being stimulated to reassess the possibilities open to us. Friends vary as much as do Cathedrals themselves, and I am sure we have a great deal to learn from each other.

It only remains for me, on behalf of the Chapter and all who care for our Cathedral, to thank the Friends for their generosity and support; and in particular to record our gratitude to our Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, the Revd. John Fry, and his colleagues in the office for their loyal service and thoughtful care of our affairs.

JOHN ARNOLD

#### HONORARY SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT

When those who formed the Association of Friends of Rochester Cathedral came to draw up the Constitution, they set out the objects, the first of which read—'To bind together all who care for the Cathedral, and desire to take a part, however small, in its maintenance'. This had to be



eliminated when we became a registered Charity, as you remember, because it was not considered to be a Charitable object from a legal point of view. But this object, although not appearing in print, still exists as the motivating force behind much of the generous support we receive from so many members during the year. I find the evidence of this spirit most encouraging, for whenever everything becomes equated in terms of money, the spirit fades and all becomes cold and calculating. We have endeavoured to give life to that original object, and the letters we receive in the office, and the Friends from distant parts who look in on us when in Rochester, encourages us to think we have at least in part succeeded. But of course this report must in the main deal with facts and figures.

During the year we have lost 35 members, the majority through death, and as you read the list on another page, I am sure many of you will recognise names of folk who in past years contributed much to our work. We have been pleased to welcome 20 new members, and at the time of going to press our total membership stands at 988. I am very indebted to Miss Le Grove, who in various ways has kept in touch with our Junior Groups. It is not an easy task to endeavour to bring about a marked expansion in this branch of our work, and I know Miss Le Grove feels rather frustrated at times. The main obstacle is the large area of the Diocese and the siting of the Cathedral. The cost of transport is a major factor in arranging outings to Rochester by the Leaders. Many of you, I am sure, are connected with Sunday Schools or Youth Organisations in your respective Churches, and please write to Miss Le Grove, if a group could be formed. Her report will be found on another page.

You will see that 5 members of Council are due to retire this year. Two, namely, Mr. W. E. Heath and Miss Monica White do not wish to offer themselves for re-election. Sir John Best-Shaw Bt, also feels the time has come when he must definitely retire from the Council. We are very indebted to them for the contribution they have made to the Council in the past. The remaining members retiring are prepared to stand for re-election, namely Mr. Anderson, Major L. J. Melhuish, Mr. E. F. Bates. I shall be happy to receive nominations for election to the Council at the A.G.M. on 20th June. Our Constitution provides for a Council not exceeding 30 so there are vacancies in addition to those retiring. Please obtain the consent of the person nominated, and let me have the name before the A.G.M. as nominations cannot be accepted from the floor on 20th June.

Turning to the Accounts, and bearing in mind the

difficult time being experienced by many faced with ever increasing bills for Rates, heating and lighting, the main items of our day to day income, namely, Subscriptions, Donations etc., have been well maintained, and reflect the generosity of those whose support far exceeds the minimum laid down. Also we are grateful to those, who, while supporting us during their lifetime remember us in their Wills. This year we have received nearly £1,000 in Legacies. The biggest single item of income was the proceeds of the Kentish Evening held at Crittenden House in July, and amounted to £1338. This grand result was made possible by the contributions of so many in Cash, Labour, expertise, organisation, and in so many little ways often behind the scenes. I will mention the part played by the Services, for their contribution made possible so many features which assured the success of the evening. If the weather had co-operated a little better, the beauty of the Gardens would have been more fully enjoyed. The event would not have been possible but for the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tompsett. Mr. Tompsett not only gave us the use of his beautiful gardens, but on the night was often seen lending a hand at anything which was required. Everybody has been thanked, but that seems very inadequate against the background of the hard work involved.

Turning to our distribution by way of Grants etc., there is one thing we have had to consider, namely, the effects of inflation. The maintenance of the fabric is our main object, and each £1,000 of Grant is buying less in labour and materials now than it did in the past, and costs continue to rise. We can only counteract this by increasing our income, and consequently the funds we have available. This year we have invested £5,000 from our funds, and similar investments will be made from time to time as and when possible. The present income from our investments is kept under constant review, and switches in our investments to increase income will be made whenever possible within the schemes laid down by the Charity Commission. On the question of the conservation of Capital you will observe that accumulated interest has raised our £5,000 Emergency Fund to just over £6,000. Turning to the Grants we have made or authorised, if you will please turn to the page on which is listed the Grants paid since our inauguration, you will see we have paid this year £10,914. Only one item needs comment, namely the Grant of £625 towards the cost of inscribing the names of the Priors, Deans and Organists. In my last Report I mentioned our contribution was to be determined after cheaper methods had been explored. The amendment to a lower figure resulted from your Executive's further investigations.

Turning to the Grants sanctioned, but still to be paid, the position is as follows:-

Of the £8,000 to cover the cost of work on the Fabric South of Gundulph Tower, and the North Quire Aisle, £4,693 remains to be paid, (although of this £1,753 will possibly be paid in the next few days). £1,000 is still set aside to cover the re-designing of the Cathedral signs. At the Council on 9th February 1981 details were given of the next phase in the Architect's scheme for covering the whole of the Fabric over a period of time. This involves expenditure to the extent of £12,000 phased over 2 years. Also as a matter of urgency £500 is needed to effectively reinstate lighting and a power supply to the Bell Chamber and Spire. The Council agreed to cover both these items resulting in a commitment for a further £12,500. If we add the Grant of £1,000 due to be paid next in February 1982 towards the upkeep of the Garth garden, to the items above we are already committed to spend £19,193 over the next two years.

I started by quoting the first clause in the original constitution, I now quote the first object as it stands today—'To preserve and maintain the fabric of Rochester Cathedral, and the Services therein. . . .'

I hope you will agree that we are faithfully discharging our Trust.

Once again I must express my thanks to the Office Staff who have given me loyal support during the year, while at the same time giving freely of their time and experience for the benefit of the Friends. Mr. Locke helps in so many ways it is difficult to separate any one task. For instance he has just finished his self imposed task of typing all the envelopes for the despatch of the Reports, no small task. Miss Rowe ably copes with her contribution, as well as the demands made upon her by the Choral Society and Flower Guild in each of which she holds office. Frank Sears has been in charge of our Covenants so long that he is a mine of information if any query arises in that field. We are a happy office, and enjoy the visits from Friends passing through Rochester.

Once again I will close by paying tribute to all those who play an important part in our organisation—often behind the scene. Mr. Pollock who keeps our investments under constant review, and gives us the benefit of his long experience of the Stock Market. Mr. Hoby, and his staff who audit our books, taking no fee for their services. Mr. Austin who prepares all our Tax Returns efficiently so that there is no delay in receiving the refunds due. Last year I made mention of the work of Miss Hitchen in preparing our lists of members for the Printer. Unfortunately she has

had to give up this year due to failing eyesight. For all her work in this connection, and her former work in the office spread over many years, I am sure you will join with me in offering her our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Everything is going up, and the benefit to our funds from the delivery by hand of around 100 Reports, is no exception in view of present postage rates.

As I sought to emphasise last year, all the above services have been given freely and willingly, and indicates the spirit behind our organisation, which, if ever lost would turn it into one of those cold organisations where the individual becomes a unit in the Computer's programme.

L.F.

### JUNIOR FRIENDS

We thank all groups for continued support this year.

It was a great pleasure to meet some of our leaders at the Sunday School Festival, and try and interest other groups, as we all enjoyed the Garth on that perfect June day. How splendid it would be if all who took part in that joyous celebration, could see their way to help the cathedral by being Friends!

A leaflet for schools has been made available in the St. Andrew's Centre.

A Christmas Newsletter, on a Bible Lands folder, reviewed for the children, all the celebrations in the Cathedral's 850th year. The Spring Newsletter will give more details of Friends' work planned this year, and invite the help of May subscriptions for 1981/82.

D. F. LeGrove

### ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL GIFT STALL LIMITED

Unlike most companies in this country in the past year the Directors are delighted to announce that there has been a considerable increase in profits over the preceding year and that in this year just ended a profit of £5,300 was handed over to the Cathedral and to the Friends. In the four years since the Gift Stall was started in March 1978 the Cathedral has received £10,277 and the Friends £3,365 the latter receiving one quarter of the total profits.

The considerable increase has been due both to the increase in the number of visitors, thanks to the Visitors' Centre, and also the increase in the number of volunteers and the increased safety precautions which, we hope, has somewhat reduced the amount of theft.

We are hoping to make a number of improvements to the look of the Gift Stall but the plan to create a permanent shop in the South Choir Aisle has had to be postponed, at least until next year.

The Directors are most grateful to Monica Wightman, and all her staff, who would particularly like to express their thanks to Miss Monica White, who has been the weekend volunteer organiser since before the Gift Stall was even founded. She will be continuing to help on the Gift Stall but her place as organiser has been taken over by Mrs. Mary Walker.

We have a number of interesting new items of stock and we look forward to this year, both of welcoming people to the Cathedral and increasing still further the financial contribution, which they can make through the Gift stall.

### FLOWER GUILD

Against a background of rapidly rising prices for art flowers the Flower Guild were able to provide at least a fresh pedestal arrangement of flowers at the High Altar for each Sunday of the year, except those of Lent and Advent.

The important festivals of Christmas and Easter gave many members an opportunity to decorate the Cathedral from east to west in what are becoming traditional colours, red at Christmas and white and yellow at Easter.

The highlight of the year was the 850th anniversary of the dedication of the nave on Ascension Day. Over a 1,000 blooms were used and the organ screen was decorated for the first time. The returning pilgrims from Bec were welcomed by homely arrangements of garden flowers along the nave.

We have enjoyed the generosity of visiting Clubs; Rainham Floral Art Group made some excellent red arrangements at Whitsun; Meopham Evening Club turned an ordinary Sunday in July into a festival; Rochester Flower Club provided flowers for the September ordinations and Gravesend Flower Club undertook the central decorations for Harvest. Local schools have provided flowers for their special services.

We have had a busy year and are looking forward to our part in the Flower Festival which will take place in the Cathedral from 19th to 21st June 1981. Details are shown in the official brochure.

J. A. Moore

### SEWING GUILD

During the past year the Sewing Guild have most adequately fulfilled their task of keeping the Chorister's robes in decent condition.

We have also supplied Cassock Albs to the Servers which has added to the dignity of the Services.

There has now occurred a change of Leadership. I have been asked to do a further day's work at the Geriatric

Day Hospital, and as this falls on a Tuesday, I asked Mrs. Mary Stapleton to take over as Leader. This she most willingly agreed to, and from April onwards the Guild will meet at 2 King's Orchard. I shall continue to support them, and I ought to be able to be present for at least the last hour.

I enjoyed the four years during which the Guild met in my house, and the generous support of the members.

CECILIE PALMER

### ANNUAL REPORT

As forecast last year, this Report is not being sent to Members paying less than the minimum Subscription of £2 per annum. This decision was forced upon us by increased costs, as demonstrated by the following figures:-

1980		1981	
Printing 950 copies	£277.50	800 copies	£347.50
Postage 754 copies	74.61	650 copies	102.00
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£352.11		£449.50	
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There are many who have increased their subscription because of our decision, and we are grateful to them for so doing. Which confirms my opinion that in many cases the matter has been overlooked—possibly a Bankers Order not amended.

Reports will be available at the office and will cost 47p.  
By post 62p. L.F.

### THE ST. ANDREW'S CENTRE FOR VISITORS

Since last submitting a report to you it has been very satisfying to note that an increased number of school parties are using the Centre for study. Indeed, Bexleyheath Parish also came for a day in February and used the Centre for discussion groups. This is a very encouraging trend and it is to be hoped that it will continue.

We are weathering the storm of economic recession rather better than had been feared and although bookings to date are slightly down on last year this is not reflected in the takings for the Centre.

An increase in adult visitors has been noticed during the winter period and a steady flow of 'regulars' who enjoy the serenity and friendly atmosphere of the Centre has also been noted.

A. HORNBY

### FRIENDS FESTIVAL TEAS

Once again, as was inevitable under present conditions, the cost of teas has had to be increased. The cost will be £1.25, after allowing for a small subsidy from our Funds. Last year I was grateful for the co-operation of you all in

buying your tickets in advance, and I hope you will do the same this year, as providing teas for members who may decide to stay is a costly business.

This year the tea will be definitely in King's School Hall, by kind permission of the Headmaster. This will avoid confusion with members of the public attending the Flower Festival at which teas are available.

### CATHEDRALS

Men ought always to build cathedrals  
For they are the palaces of the spirit.  
The labour of man's hands requires a greater vision  
Than a mere sheltering from the elements,  
And the making of places  
In which to sleep and to beget.  
He needs to build something continually great,  
And be awed by the wonder of it,  
Lofty and vast like a high mountain.  
(God can sometimes be found on mountains)  
Say a cathedral is a mountain built by man—  
A mountain hewn of stone and coloured light,  
Immense with peaks and pinnacles and silences—  
To contemplate God in. . . .

Jenny Hambidge,  
The Rectory  
Swanscombe  
16:v:80





# ESTER CATHEDRAL

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY, 1981

£	£		£	p	£	p
2,211		Subscriptions: Annual	2,348.90			
210		Life	120.00			
9		Junior	19.00			
<u>620</u>	2,430					2,487.98
620		Subscriptions to the Fabric Fund	564.41			
		Less Paid to Dean and Chapter	564.41			
		Proceeds of Kentish Evening at Crittenden House				1,338.92
	27	Donations in Memory of the following Member—Mr. Forster				2.00
	215	Donations				234.19
	100	Legacies: Mrs. E. H. Onslow	10.00			
		Miss A. Butler	200.00			
		Mr. J. Aldrich	100.00			
		Miss P. V. Hollings	500.00			
		Miss I. N. King	50.00			
						860.00
	935	Share of Profits from Cathedral Gift Stall Ltd.				774.00
	40	Inscriptions in Book of Memory less Cost thereof				33.50
	360	Income Tax Recovered on Subscriptions and Interest				344.22
		Net Interest:				
1,209		Central Board of Finance	825.78			
51		Ailsa Investment Trust	61.50			
39		6% Funding Loan 1993	39.94			
		Bank Deposit Interest	262.20			
						1,189.42
<u>1,299</u>	1,299					
	3,830	Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year transferred to General Fund				
						<u>£7,264.23</u>
	<u>£9,236</u>					

## ON REQUEST FUND

	1,727	Deposit Interest	1,953.81
	3,883	Dividends and Interest	3,967.38
	1,579	Income Tax Recovered 1979/80	1,723.15
		Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Income Account	370.25
			<u>£8,014.59</u>
	<u>£7,189</u>		



		BALANCE SHEET			
£		£	p	£	p
	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
	<i>Income and Expenditure Account</i>				
	Balance, 1st March, 1980 ... ..			12,337.32	
12,337	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ... ..			3,623.33	
				<u>15,960.65</u>	
	256 <i>Rev. Maurice Sharp Memorial Fund</i>				

Note: Grants amounting to about £18,000 have been authorised. and payment will be spread over the two years ending 28th February, 1983.

<u>12,593</u>					<u>15,960.65</u>
	<b>MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND</b>				
	<i>Income Account</i>				
	Balance, 1st March, 1980 ... ..			12,476.77	
12,477	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ... ..			370.25	
				<u>12,106.52</u>	
	<i>Capital Account—Narrower Range</i>				
	Balance, 1st March, 1980 ... ..			29,589.42	
	—Wider Range				
	Balance, 1st March, 1980 ... ..	28,242.16			
	Add Surplus on Sale of Investment ... ..	1,067.24			
				<u>29,309.40</u>	
57,831					<u>58,898.82</u>
<u>£82,901</u>					<u>£86,965.99</u>

I have prepared the above Accounts from the books and information supplied  
Dated this 25th day of March, 1981  
52 St. Margaret's Street, Rochester and at Sittingbourne

28th FEBRUARY, 1981

£	£		£	p	£	p
		<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
		<i>Stocks on Hand</i>				
	76	Badges at Cost ... ..				
		<i>Investments at Cost</i>				68.56
1		Rochester Cathedral Gift Stall Ltd. 1 £1 Ordinary Share ... ..		1.00		
700		Ailsa Investment Trust Ltd. 750 Ordinary 25p Shares ... ..		700.38		
680		£951.01 6% Funding Loan 1993 ... ..		680.08		
	1,381	(Market Value 28.2.81 £1,841)				
	3,902	<i>Rochester Cathedral Gift Stall Ltd.</i>				1,381.46
		Interest free Founders Loan repayable after five years at the option of the Company				3,902.48
		<i>Cash Balances</i>				
6,121		Church of England Central Board of Finance ... ..	10,017.09			
		National Westminster Bank Limited:				
1,095		Current Account ... ..	326.53			
		Deposit Account ... ..	256.65			
18		Cash in hand ... ..	7.88			
	7,234					10,608.15
	12,593					15,960.65
		<b>MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND</b>				
		<i>Income Account</i>				
		<i>Cash Balances</i>				
		National Westminster Bank Ltd.:				
3,190		Current Account ... ..	966.02			
1,500		Deposit Account ... ..	745.93			
7,787		Church of England Central Board of Finance ... ..	10,394.57			12,106.52
	12,477					
		<i>Capital Account</i>				
			Narrower Range	Wider Range		
50,831		Investments at cost, per Schedule	29,317.18	27,564.15		
		<i>Cash Balances</i>				
		National Westminster Bank Ltd.				
100		Current Account ... ..		127.84		
6,890		Church of England Central Board of Finance ... ..	272.24	1,617.41		
			29,589.42	29,309.40		
	57,831					58,898.82
	£82,901					£86,965.99

ed and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

H. J. HOBY, Chartered Accountant  
(Honorary Auditor)

# MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Market Value 28th February 1981</i>
<b>Narrower Range Fund</b>		
<b>Narrower Range Investment</b>		
£5,308.24 12¼% Exchequer Stock 1992	5,000.00	4,830
£2,607.50 12¼% Treasury Stock 1992	2,500.00	2,477
£5,993.10 13¼% Treasury Stock 1993	6,000.00	6,113
£2,946.69 12¼% Treasury Stock 1995	2,612.50	2,829
£5,104.67 9¼% Treasury Stock 1999	4,820.05	3,854
£1,037.79 12¼% Greater London Stock 1983	1,000.00	1,017
£3,000.00 B.L.M.C. 7¼% Conv. Unsec. Loan Stock 1982/87	2,505.90	1,620
£3,000.00 Hall Engineering (Holdings) Limited 7¼% Conv. Unsec. Loan Stock 1992/97	2,994.36	3,090
£2,000.00 Imperial Group Limited 8% Conv. Unsec. Loan Stock 1985/90	1,884.37	1,420
	<u>£29,317.18</u>	<u>£27,250</u>
<b>Wider Range Fund</b>		
<b>Wider Range Investments</b>		
1,485 British Electric Traction Limited Deferred Ordinary 25p Shares	1,269.02	1,901
1,920 Cadbury Schweppes Limited Ordinary 25p Shares	926.82	1,478
910 Dalgety Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	2,487.45	2,584
545 Hawker Siddeley Group Limited Ordinary 25p Shares	1,130.53	1,580
4,000 Marks & Spencer Limited Ordinary 25p Shares	2,628.73	4,960
480 Midland Bank Limited Ordinary £1 Shares	1,341.22	1,598
2,640 National Bank of Australasia Ordinary A\$1 Shares	3,797.35	4,066
920 Shell Transport & Trading Co Ltd. Ordinary 25p Shares	2,455.35	3,864
3,380 Scottish Eastern Investment Trust Limited Ordinary 25p Shares	2,497.68	2,603
2,000 Scottish Mortgage & Trust Co. Ltd. Ordinary 25p Stock Units	2,679.85	2,940
500 Tate & Lyle Limited Ordinary £1 Stock Units	1,237.65	855
	<u>22,451.65</u>	<u>28,429</u>
<b>Narrower Range Investment</b>		
£9,749.36 6¼% Treasury Stock 1995/98	5,112.50	6,045
	<u>£27,564.15</u>	<u>£34,474</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>£56,881.33</u>	<u>£61,724</u>

GRANTS made by the Friends since their inauguration in  
1935

		£
1936-66	Total Grants	14,719
1967	Restoration of North Front	2,000
1968	Restoration of North Face	1,250
	Nave Altar Platform	1,750
1969	Restoration of North Face	2,500
	Chairs for Nave	250
1970	Grant to Organ Repairs	1,400
1972	Repairs to North Transepts	5,000
1973	Decoration of Nave Transepts	6,000
1974	Decoration of Nave Transepts	4,500
	Memorial Candlesticks	645
	Grant for Chairs	1,000
1975	Additional Grant for Chairs	1,000
	Grant for General Repairs	2,000
1976	Repair to Tiles total cost (including fees)	3,516
	(From Tile Appeal Fund           £1,776	
	General Funds                   £1,740   £3516)	
1977-78	Exterior Cleaning of Lesser South Transept	10,945
	Architect's Fees (over period)	933
	Screen at rear of Gift Stall	1,044
	Renewal of Brick paving at Base of Lesser South Transept	759
	Renewal of Amplification System	1,599
	Restoration of West Door	400
1979	Repairs to Gundulph Tower	2,000
	Repairs to Cathedral Clock	414
	General Repairs to External walls, Glazing etc.	5,226
1980	Balance of above Contract	1,983
	Inspection of Spire	500
	Inspection of Gable Finials	500
	Repairs to Spire	3,000
	Grant—List of Priors & Deans and Organists	625
	Grant £8,000 for work on Fabric South of Gundulph Tower & North Quire Aisle	Paid 3,306
	Over whole period upkeep of Garth gardens for which the Friends have made themselves responsible	6,320
		<u>87,084</u>

## FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 1981

SATURDAY, 20th JUNE

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 2.15 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held in St. Nicholas Church, adjoining the Cathedral. Please note the alteration of venue this year owing to the Flower Festival.
- At the conclusion of the meeting there will be time for the Friends to enjoy the beauty and colour of the Flower Festival in the wonderful setting of the Cathedral.
- 3.30 p.m. Festival Service of the Friends in the Quire.  
EVENSONG  
Setting: Howells Collegium Regale  
Anthem: S. S. Wesley The Wilderness.  
Hymns: E.H. 454, 380.
- 4.15 p.m. Tea in the King's School Hall (by kind permission of the Headmaster).

Tea Tickets £1.25 each should be obtained in advance from the Friends' Office. Application form with the Agenda. Please send stamped addressed envelope.

### THE BOOK OF MEMORY

The Cathedral Book of Memory in which around 200 names have already been inscribed is at the foot of the Nave Altar steps (South side). The book alongside gives the names in Calendaric order as distinct from the alphabetical order in the Book of Memory.

Anyone wishing to have inscribed the name of someone connected with the Cathedral or Diocese should apply to the Secretary of the Friends who will be happy to furnish all particulars.

A remembrance is made at the 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service in the Cathedral on the anniversary of the death of those whose names are entered in the Book of Memory.

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### COVENANTED SUBSCRIPTIONS

SUBSCRIBERS who pay Income Tax at 30 per cent can very materially help the Fund by signing seven-year covenants, as the following table shows:

<i>Sum paid annually by the Subscriber</i>	<i>Amount of Income Tax reclaimed</i>	<i>Total Benefit to the Fund in seven years</i>
£1.00	£0.43	£10.00
£2.00	£0.86	£20.00
£5.00	£2.15	£50.05
£10.00	£4.30	£100.10

In the event of the death of the Subscriber before the end of the seven years, the covenant ceases to operate, and there is no liability on his estate.

Legislation now provided for a covenant to be for a minimum period of four years to qualify for tax relief.

A Form of Covenant can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Friends' Office, The Precinct, Rochester, ME1 1ST.

There are tax concessions relating to capital transfer tax on donations and legacies. The spending powers of the Friends are dependent on the donations and legacies received in the past and we wish to draw attention to 'Friends' and others who wish to support the maintenance of the Cathedral that exemptions from capital transfer tax apply within certain limits to donations and legacies given to a registered charity such as the Friends of Rochester Cathedral.

Anybody intending to make a substantial donation or provide in their will for a legacy to the Friends of Rochester Cathedral should, of course, first consult their solicitors.

Please fill up and send to The Hon. Secretary, Friends of Rochester Cathedral, The Precinct, Rochester, ME1 1ST.

FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL  
**FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I wish to join the FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, and am willing to pay a \*life/annual subscription of .....

\*I enclose a Banker's Order }  
Cheque } £ .  
Postal Order }

\*I wish to subscribe under Covenant, and I desire to be supplied with the necessary form.

\*Cross out whichever does not apply

All CHEQUES, etc., should be made payable to the FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, and crossed *National Westminster Bank, Rochester.*

Name .....  
(with style and in Block Letters)

(Date of Birth if under 18.....)

Permanent Address .....

Date..... Signed.....

**BANKER'S ORDER**

To Messrs. ....  
(Fill in the name of your Bank)

Please pay to the account of FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, *National Westminster Bank, 40 High Street,*

*Rochester,* the sum of £ . on.....next,

and every year on the same day until further notice.

Date..... Signed.....