

# Annual Newsletter 2020

## Dates for your diary

### Annual General Meeting

The 2020 Friends AGM will be held on Monday 6th April 2020, 6pm at St Mary's Church.

All Subscribers are most welcome to attend!



### Annual Friends of Luton Parish Church Concert

*Friday 19th June 2020 7pm  
at St Mary's Church*

Join us for this annual celebration featuring various Luton bands, a school choir and some soloists. The conductor is the excellent Simon Router. No cost to come along, wine and other refreshments are included during the interval and a collection is taken at the end in aid of the Friends. It will be a pleasure to see you there!

### Annual Friends of Luton Parish Church Service

*Sunday 18th October 2020, 10.30am  
at St Mary's Church*

A service of thanksgiving for the work of the Friends of Luton Parish Church. The preacher will be the Venerable David Middlebrook, Archdeacon of Bedford. More details on him can be seen here [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dave\\_Middlebrook](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dave_Middlebrook) Stay on after the service for a historical tour of Luton's medieval jewel by Peter Adams.

## Friends of Luton Parish Church Trustees



Clifford Bygrave, Chair



Nic Pestell, Secretary



Andrew Beale, Communications



Trevor Askew, Trustee

# Wills and Legacies by Nicki Denton-Masih



For people who may find it difficult to make significant gifts to charities such as "The Friends of Luton Parish Church" during their lifetime, making

this Charity a beneficiary in your Will is a way of ensuring that money which you no longer need is put to good use and, at the same time, you may reduce your estate's liability to Inheritance Tax. Some seven out of ten adults who die in this country fail to make a Will, and if you do not make a Will, then your estate will be divided up according to how the law dictates it should, and not necessarily as you would have wished.

It is always advisable to instruct a Solicitor to make sure your Will is properly drawn up, valid and enforceable, and to ensure that your Will reflects your wishes. If you already have a Will, it is possible to include a legacy

to The Friends in your Will by having a codicil drawn up, and this is a simple and inexpensive process.

**If you would like to leave a legacy to The Friends of Luton Parish Church, your Solicitor might find the following wording useful:**

*"I give to the Friends of Luton Parish Church (registered Charity Number 240750) the sum of ..... pounds (£.....) for its general purposes".*

**25% off setting up your will with Machins Solicitors**

Nicki Denton-Masih at Machins Solicitors, Luton, would be delighted to help set up your will with a 25% discount. Email [nicki.denton-masih@machins.co.uk](mailto:nicki.denton-masih@machins.co.uk)

## Contact the Friends!

You can email the team on [friends@stmarysluton.org](mailto:friends@stmarysluton.org)

Find out more on our excellent website [www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org](http://www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org)

Join the Friends on [www.give.net/20193962](http://www.give.net/20193962)

Download the brochure and application form at

[www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/assets/files/downloadsFriendsOfLutonParishChurch.pdf](http://www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/assets/files/downloadsFriendsOfLutonParishChurch.pdf)

Email the individual trustees and executive committee members as follows:

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### Executive Committee

All the trustees plus:

Treasurer - John Spurgeon  
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Canon David Cheetham MBE

It is with sadness that we report the recent death of David Cheetham, who for a number of years was a Trustee and Chairman of the Friends of Luton Parish Church. He was a keen supporter of the Trust and the Church, and attended our annual services and other functions until ill health made it difficult for him to do so.

For a number of years, David was a Solicitor in practice in Luton, and his legal skills were recognised at various times if questions arose during the Trust's administration.

We consider that we were blessed with his interest and involvement over the years.

Clifford Bygrave



## From our Treasurer John Spurgeon

We would love to welcome you on board as a subscriber - as little as £12pa for an individual or £20 for a couple/family (but we hope you will want to give more!).

Ways of doing this are:

- Standing Order - You give instructions to your bank for a regular gift (download our leaflet from our website for a suitable form) - Friends of Luton Parish Church, Sort code 20-53-30, Account number 90358223.

- Gift Aid - If you are a UK taxpayer we can benefit by boosting your gift by 25% at no extra cost to yourself.
- Give.net (Stewardship) - They deal with all the tax issues themselves! Visit [give.net](http://give.net) or visit our website <http://www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/help/> (for single or regular gift): "How can you help>Donate/raise funds."

Help us to be able to face the challenges of maintaining this beautiful building in the middle of our town! Thank you.