

Annual Newsletter 2021

Dates for your diary

Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Friends AGM will be held at 6pm on Monday 12th April 2021 via Zoom. All Subscribers are most welcome to attend!

Annual Friends of Luton Parish Church Concert

Annual Friends of Luton Parish Church Concert is sadly cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but we look forward to welcoming back Simon Router and all his team at Luton Music Service in 2022.

Annual Friends of Luton Parish Church Service

Sunday 17th October 2021 9am at St Mary's Church

A service of thanksgiving for the work of the Friends of Luton Parish Church. The speaker will be confirmed in due course and the updated details will be on: www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/events/
Stay on after the service for a historical tour of Luton's medieval jewel by our resident expert Peter Adams.



Friends Archives

Have a look at:
www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/gallery/archive/ for some fascinating documents about the history of this wonderful church and of the Friends of Luton Parish Church as well.

Friends of Luton Parish Church Trustees



Clifford Bygrave, Chair



Nic Pestell, Secretary



Andrew Beale, Communications



Nicki Denton-Masih, 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



Trevor Askew

Trevor Askew recently retired as a Trustee to the Charity. He had been in office for many years acting as Treasurer for most of them. In his professional life he was a Banker, and soon after his appointment as a Trustee, he took over the office of Treasurer to the Trust. It was clear that his

experience in the Bank was soon being reflected in his work for the Charity. Apart from his financial ability, he was a clear thinker and a dedicated participant in meetings of both the Executive Committee and the meetings of the Trustees, and very supportive of the work of the Trust. We thank him for his dedication and his friendly approach to the work of the Trust. – *Clifford Bygrave*

Contact the Friends!

You can email the team on friends@stmarysluton.org

Find out more on our excellent website www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org

Join the Friends on www.give.net/20193962

Download the brochure and application form at

www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/assets/files/downloads/FriendsofLutonParishChurch.pdf

Email the individual trustees and executive committee members as follows:

Trustees

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Trustee - Nicki Denton-Masih
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Executive Committee

All the trustees plus:
Treasurer - John Spurgeon
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Committee member - Anthony Moss
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St Mary’s Parish Church Vicar – Mike Jones
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In memoriam Bill Chennells

We are sad to report the passing of Bill Chennells, who served on the Executive Committee and as a Trustee of the Friends of Luton Parish Church from 1969 until his well-deserved retirement in 2016, some 47 years later!

Bill served both as our legal advisor and as Secretary to the Committee, even during the times when he was senior partner at the law firm Machins. He is much missed by all the Friends, and we send our condolences to his family.



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 or visit our website 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.