



FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST MARY, WARWICK

Registered Charity No. 503629

5 July 2017

Dear Friends,

Our annual croquet match at the Bratby's takes place on **Friday 4 August at 18:00**. If you'd like to play or attend for the social element, please contact Heather Partis at heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk

We shall as usual be providing mulled wine and mince pies in church on **Thursday 30 November** on the occasion of the Victorian evening and the launch of St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival. Do join us.

We are working on plans for a further in our ***Behind the Scenes*** series of talks and our 2018 trip. More details in my January newsletter.

Membership arrangements

• Membership fees

The committee has decided that with effect from 1 January 2018, the minimum annual suggested membership fee for new members will be £15 per member for those new members agreeing to pay their membership fee by standing order; for new members who wish to pay by cheque, the minimum annual suggested membership fee will be £20 per person.

Membership fees are used solely to maintain the building and fabric of St. Mary's.

• Chairman's newsletters

Chairman's newsletters will be emailed to all those who have provided an email address; the newsletter will also be posted on the Friends section of the church website. From January 2018 newsletters will no longer be sent by mail so **it is important that we have your email address for future communication**. So if you have received this letter by regular mail, please can you let Heather heather-partis@tiscali.co.uk have your email address. If this is going to cause a problem please contact Heather, 189 Sutherland Court, Coventry CV5 7JL or telephone 024 7642 2738

So far this year the Friends have held some very successful events: a **Behind the Scenes** talk from the Vergers at St Mary's; a social evening at the Oken tea rooms with a talk entitled *From Oken's to Osaka*; and lastly a most enjoyable trip to Renishaw Hall in Derbyshire, the home of the Sitwell family.

Many thanks to all the committee members for all their great suggestions and hard work, and many thanks also to you our members for your continued support. I expect when I next write to have firm news about how our funds, currently in excess of £40,000 will be used to support the refurbishment of St Mary's.

Sincerely yours,

Clive Black
Chairman

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