

Why Be a Friend?

Contribute

Help to beautify and enhance our Cathedral for visitors and worshippers

Events

News of the people, services, events and social occasions taking place. Special invitations to Friends occasions including visits, talks and behind the scenes tours

Meet New Friends

New Friends are always welcomed in true Benedictine tradition

So Why Not Be a Friend?



How Do Friends Help?



The Friends of Chester Cathedral is a registered charity. Our objectives are to support the Dean and Chapter in their efforts to enhance the Cathedral's spiritual life, work, worship, and music by maintaining, improving and adding to the contents, fabric, fittings and maintenance of the grounds.

Preserving Our Heritage

Over the past ten years, the Friends have donated over £310,000 to a variety of projects:

The upkeep and enhancement of the building, it's fixtures and fittings and its surroundings.

Nave chairs. Cathedral flowers and gardens. The Chester Nativity set. Lighting, audio and security CCTV improvements. Refurbished toilet facilities. Bell tower enhancements. Smaller displays and artefacts.

Worship and Music

The new Nave altar and associated furniture. Clergy and choir vestments. Altar linen. Organ recitals. Song School facility. Choristers bibles. Support of the Cathedral Choir during lockdown.

Education

Displays. Explorer packs. Cathedral "lock-ins"



Become a Friend



Our Living Cathedral

The Cathedral stands on the site of a 7th Century Saxon Church, dedicated to St. Werburgh. In 1092, it became a Benedictine Abbey and a new Church in the Norman style was built, parts of which can still be seen. This Church was rebuilt from about 1250 onwards in the Gothic style. This process took 250 years, resulting in the present building. Due to the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII, the Abbey was closed in 1540, but in 1541 it became the Cathedral of the newly created Diocese of Chester. In this place of history and beauty, the worship of God has been offered for over one thousand years.

How to Become a Friend

Please fill in the Membership Application and EITHER complete the Bankers Order OR include a cheque for your subscription. Please consider paying by Bankers Order to save administrative costs.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS. By signing the Membership Application you agree to us holding the personal details provided, in accordance with our Privacy Statement. Please visit www.chestercathedral.com/support and select Friends of Chester Cathedral.

We do NOT share your information or retain ANY bank details (Bankers Order goes to your bank.)

GIFT AID If you are a UK tax-payer please consider completing the Gift Aid Declaration. This will enable the Friends to reclaim tax on your subscription and other donations to the Friends, increasing significantly the funds available to us.

Please return the completed forms to:

The Hon. Membership Secretary
The Friends of Chester Cathedral
9 Abbey Square
CHESTER CH1 2HU

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I / We wish to join The Friends of Chester Cathedral

Annual Subscription (Individual) £15

Annual Subscription (Joint, same address) £20

Additional voluntary donation £ _____

Please consider paying by Bankers Order

Title First Name Last Name

1st _____

2nd _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel. _____

E-mail _____

By signing this form you agree to the Friends holding the information above for the purpose of maintaining contact. For our detailed Privacy Statement please visit www.chestercathedral.com/support and select Friends.

Signed _____ Date _____

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains Taxpayer. I have read this statement and want The Friends of Chester Cathedral to reclaim tax on all Subscriptions and Donations from the date of this declaration until further notice. I understand that if I pay less Income or Capital Gains Tax in the tax year than the amount claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand that the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

First Name :

Last Name :

Signed _____ Date _____

BANKERS ORDER

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9 Abbey Square, CHESTER CH1 2HU.
Registered Charity No. 501740

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2 The Forum Shopping Centre, Northgate Street,
CHESTER CH1 2BY

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