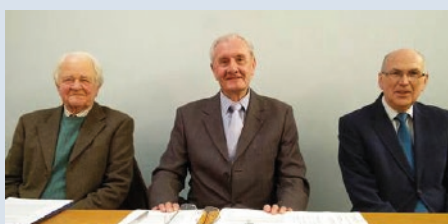


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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Friends concert

*Friday 17th June 2016 7pm St Mary's Church*

Join us for this annual celebration - no cost to come along, wine is 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 ! Jack Sapsworth

#### FIRST HALF :

Luton Music Service concert band - The fantastic performance will include music from the James Bond 007 films, music from the Incredibles film, and the finale from Stravinsky's Firebird Suite.

#### SECOND HALF :

Next Generation Youth Theatre - Cameron will be performing a Monologue from their Arts Council funded sell out show 'In Doing Nothing I Found Me'. There will be a dance duet by Lauren and Stacey from the NGYT dance company and Andrew will be performing a street dance solo.

NGYT provide drama and dance opportunities for 4-24 yr olds in Luton.



### Annual Service

*Sunday 16th October 2016 10am St Mary's Church*

The annual service visiting preacher this year is  
The Revd David Foster

Bishop's Officer for Ordinands and Initial Training, Diocese of Norwich

After the service, Peter Adams will host a fascinating tour around St Mary's Church.

### Annual General Meeting

*Monday 10th April 2017*

*6pm St Mary's Church meeting room*

All Friends are most welcome to attend !

# Retirement of Bill Chennells

*these are the words of Clifford Bygrave, Chair of Trustees of The Friends of Luton Parish Church, on the retirement of Bill Chennells at the AGM in April 2016*

I indicated earlier that Bill has decided that he should retire as a Trustee

Bill joined the Executive Committee in 1969 when John Dandy – the then Chairman, first invited his father to join the Committee, but Bill was sent along instead, and he has been with us ever since – 47 years.



*L to R, Bill Chennells, retiring Secretary; Clifford Bygrave, Chairman; Trevor Askew, Treasurer*

He has been a valuable source of Legal Advice over the years, relating to issues arising particularly in interpretation of the Terms of the Deed when questions have arisen.

More latterly he has acted as Secretary to the Committee, where his legal experience has been demonstrated by his clear and precise recording of our minutes.

Bill has given much time to the Trust, even during the times when as senior partner to the Lawyer firm of Machins, when much other responsibility has been with him.

He has been a most regular attender to our meetings, and I can only remember his absence on very few occasions when

he was required to attend the hospital for medical reasons.

As a co-Trustee who has served with Bill for many years, first as Treasurer and more recently Chairman, I have always found Bill to be a dedicated colleague, giving much valued support when needed.

We will miss you very much Bill, but recognise that you deserve a break from Trust responsibilities, and on behalf of all the Committee, I thank you very much for all your work and efforts and skills from which we have all benefitted.

I would like to propose that our Minutes duly record your immense contribution to the Friends of Luton Parish Church.

## How to join the Friends of Luton Parish Church

*by Membership Co-ordinator  
John Spurgeon*

### JOIN US TODAY.

Although the Friends of previous years have left us with a building in excellent repair, we welcome new supporters to take this challenge forward so we can both provide a special place for the host worshipping community and a spectacular historic presence in the modern town.

We would love you to join us, so we together can ensure that this wonderful building takes its rightful place in the Luton of the future. For a yearly subscription of as little as £12 (more is always welcome!) we will keep you in touch by this newsletter as well as the annual concert and the annual service. This is always a special event. You can find the simple application form on our website [www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org](http://www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org) where there is also help on remembering us in your will. The Friends of Luton Parish Church would be the poorer without the valuable support of people such as you to take this challenge forward.





# Contact the Friends!

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

Find out more on our excellent new 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

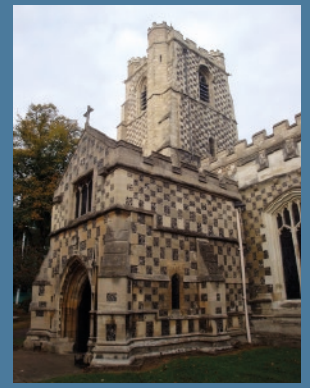
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St Mary's Parish Church Vicar - Mike Jones - [mikejones@stmarysluton.org](mailto:mikejones@stmarysluton.org)



Would you like  
to help this  
wonderful building  
by serving on the  
committee of the  
Friends of Luton  
Parish Church?

Contact Clifford Bygrave  
in the first instance on  
[rustlingscb@gmail.com](mailto:rustlingscb@gmail.com)

# Were you a Friend of Luton Parish Church but are no longer a member?

It is really easy to re-join, and we would love to have you as an active member again!

Either download our brochure and application form here

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

Or pick up a copy of the brochure in St Mary's Church, complete the application form and send it to

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Or join online via Give.net on [www.give.net/20193962](http://www.give.net/20193962)

Just £12 annual subscription, more if you can make it, and £20 for couples and families.



# News from the St Mary's Church building committee

by *Ralph Gough*



The church is in good condition at the moment with the exception of the pipework in the church.

Lots of work has been done by Ruth Jones, Colin Payne and the team on



improvements to the Underground and Overground spaces in the hall.

The Quinquennial review of the whole church building is forthcoming, alongside the new church architect

Mark Eddison [www.mebdesign.co.uk/team/mark-eddison/](http://www.mebdesign.co.uk/team/mark-eddison/) and much new work is anticipated as a result of this review, making your support for the Friends even more important !



## YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS VITAL FOR US !

Please email us your email address to Membership co-ordinator John Spurgeon on [john.spurgeon506@btinternet.com](mailto:john.spurgeon506@btinternet.com) so that we can keep in touch with you with exciting news about the Friends of Luton Parish Church !

# The Friends Photo Gallery

Friend of Luton Parish Church Peter Adams has taken a wonderful series of photos of the magnificent St Mary's Church in all seasons and it can be found here

[www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/gallery/inside](http://www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/gallery/inside) and here

[www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/gallery/outside](http://www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org/gallery/outside)

