

Annual Newsletter 2022



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 20-53-97, 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.

Dates for your diary

Annual General Meeting

The 2022 Friends AGM will be held at 6pm on Monday 11th April 2022 at the church. All Subscribers are most welcome to attend!

Annual Friends of Luton Parish Church Concert

Due to the ongoing effects on orchestral music of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Annual Concert hosted at St Mary's by the excellent Simon Router and Luton Music Service cannot proceed. We look forward to welcoming you back to this wonderful concert in the summer of 2023.

Annual Service

16th October 2022 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 shortly.

Stay on after the service for a historical tour of Luton's medieval jewel by our resident expert Peter Adams.

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

Tower Roof Repairs from Churchwarden Anthony Moss



Lodge and Sons have completed the tower roof repairs. After commencing work for the original quoted job, they saw that further works were needed. This was

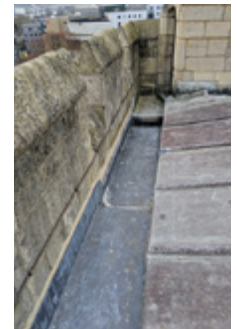
always going to be a possibility. These were approved.

Once the lead-worker arrived on site, further repairs were identified and authorised.

The actual work done is summarised below. The results are shown in the two pages of photos that follow.

- Lift Tower east parapet leadwork to gutter and timber work below.
- Re-make timber work and re-lay new lead.
- Strip out the lead bay to the NE corner and investigate that adjacent to the door. Replace the timber and lay new lead to the gutter.
- Remove sump, cutting carefully around the outlet hole to leave the pipe in place. Install timber base and lead sump allowing a sleeve to go inside the existing pipe.

- Also included is the additional breaking out of the concrete base to the parapet gutter to allow the timber to go back in.
- To strip out and replace the timber gutter to the South Parapet gutter.
- Lead burning repairs that need doing to roll ends and a couple of patch repairs.



Contact the Friends!

You can email the team on friends@stmarysluton.org

Find out more on our excellent website

www.friendsoflutonparishchurch.org

Email the individual trustees and executive committee members as follows:

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Join the Friends on www.give.net/20193962

Download the brochure and application form at:

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

Executive Committee

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