

The regular newsletter from the Development Office of Rochester Cathedral



### From the Dean's desk...

The three great Christian virtues are Faith, Hope and Love. The Cathedral shop stocks window transfers with these virtues imprinted upon them and they are very popular. Last week the shop manager informed me that we had plenty of Faith and Love, but had run out of Hope!

Well, it may have felt like that last month when the Cathedral IT system and Server 'fell over' - I believe this is a technical term. In practice it left everyone in a complete 'pickle' - another technical term. We have become so dependent upon technology that when it fails we are left helpless, especially if you rely upon the computer to tell you where you are supposed to be and with whom?

Needless to say it is at such times of disaster that the human spirit shines through and staff worked very hard to keep things afloat. The loss of data has left a sense of anger and bereavement in Garth House, but we are slowly recovering. If you are having difficulty contacting us please do contact the office by phone.

On a more positive note Wi Fi has been installed throughout the Cathedral which will enhance the visitor experience and enable better communication. The Cathedral was also successful in being awarded a grant to install CCTV throughout the Cathedral nave, crypt and Library and will help to improve security and safety for visitors, volunteers and staff. We are most grateful to Ward Security for the help and advice they have given in making this happen.

The Bridge Works Exhibition in the crypt is fabulous and well worth seeing if you haven't already. You can also now have a cup of coffee in the new volunteer led café. There is a lot to celebrate despite the setbacks. At Easter it is worth reminding ourselves that even death was only the prelude to something greater and more lasting.

The Very Revd Dr Philip Hesketh  
Dean of Rochester

Rochester CATHEDRAL

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**the james taylor quartet**

Concert Friday 4th May  
7.30pm  
Tickets £12



Tickets from [development@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:development@rochestercathedral.org)  
or from Cathedral Shop, or Garth House or on the door.  
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## Our Fundraising Promise

The Trust is hugely grateful for the support given by so many and we value your trust in us. We will use your donations in the best way possible, to support conservation, education and music at Rochester Cathedral.

We make this promise to all who choose to help us in our work:

- We are committed to working responsibly and with transparency.
- We will respect your privacy and never sell on your details. We enjoy keeping our supporters updated by post about our fundraising achievements, activities and events and believe it is in our legitimate interest to do so. We seek the necessary consent from supporters to contact them by email, to help reduce our costs. If you would like to update your contact preferences, please email [development@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:development@rochestercathedral.org) or telephone 01634 810074.
- We consider the valued relationships with our supporters to be life-long. We will securely store your information e.g. correspondence, donation details, for as long as they are relevant, and to meet any legal requirements, such as for claiming Gift Aid. We will also retain data so we do not communicate with you if you have asked us not to.
- Rochester Cathedral is formed of a number of internal departments and charities, including the Chapter of Rochester Cathedral, Rochester Cathedral Trust, Friends of Rochester Cathedral, Friends of Rochester Cathedral Music and Rochester Cathedral Enterprises Ltd. We work closely with our colleagues to work effectively, for example with the Cathedral's Accounts and HR departments. We share information to carry out our work and maintain accurate records to avoid inconvenience to you.
- To help us enjoy meaningful relationships with our supporters, we may supplement the details you provide to us with information from trusted sources e.g. Companies House, the Charity Commission and other publicly available resources. We may analyse this combined data, so our communications are appropriate and cost effective.
- We work closely with our supporters, colleagues and others to identify new audiences and sources of support. To bring the greatest benefit to the Cathedral and understand more about our potential supporters, we may carry out limited, legitimate research. Those we go on to contact will be provided with clear information about this process and their rights. We may also carry out research to understand the source of any donated funds, to demonstrate due diligence and recognise any ethical or reputational risks for the Trust and Cathedral.

If you have any questions about how we use your personal data, please contact Lynne Bax our Development Officer.

### Compliments or complaints?

We welcome all feedback so that we can continue to improve our working practices and provide a positive experience when supporting Rochester Cathedral. Please email or call +44 (0) 1634 810074 with any comments.

March 2018 – this promise is regularly reviewed

## Text donations via Just Giving

Donating a small gift has been made even easier now. All you need to do is text the message **RCTR46 £10** to **70070** **JustGiving™** and you can make a difference via

## Beyond Divine Light

Rochester Cathedral is delighted to announce we will be hosting 'Beyond Divine Light' an exhibition by photographer Clive Tanner from the 3rd – 24th May. The exhibition will be displayed in our newly restored Crypt. The exhibition is a journey around England visiting some of the great cathedrals; showing architectural and memorial details in stone, wood, textile and glass. This exhibition features the photographs of Clive Tanner, taken over the past twenty-five years and shows some of the details that might be missed at first viewing. An enthusiastic club photographer, Clive has achieved the highest distinctions awarded by Royal Photographic Society and Photographic Alliance of Great Britain; his pictures are frequently accepted by international salons and exhibitions.

There will be an exhibition launch reception attended by Clive Tanner on the 2nd May from 6.30pm to 8pm in the Rochester Cathedral Crypt.

If you would like to attend the exhibition launch please email [kay.williams@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:kay.williams@rochestercathedral.org) by the 27th April.



## Café in the Crypt

Rochester Cathedral's new Café in the Crypt is now open for our visitors to enjoy. It is being run by after our volunteers and offers a range of cakes and biscuits to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee. All takings go straight back to looking after Rochester Cathedral. The café is open Monday – Saturday from 11am to 3pm in the recently restored 13th century Crypt.



## Trust Annual Evensong

Each year the Trust welcomes the opportunity to thank all our donors, big or small, we are grateful for every single one, at our annual Evensong. This year it will be on Sunday 20th May at 3.15pm in the Quire. We would like to offer refreshments to our guests at a reception afterwards in The Deanery and both our Chairman, Mike Aiken and Philip Hesketh, the Dean look forward to seeing you. Please do let us know if you would like to join us, there is no charge but we need to know numbers to cater correctly.



# Diary of 2018 Events

The following are events that are firm in the Diary for the next few months, more to be added so please watch this space!

Tuesday 1st May 8am	Business Guild networking breakfast at The Commissioner's House at Chatham Historic Dockyard. Our guest speaker for the morning will be Andrew Masters from Furley Page who will address HR advice for small businesses. Tickets £18 (which includes a full English breakfast) and all are welcome.
Friday 4th May 7.30pm	The James Taylor Quartet – Jazz funk night in the cathedral Nave. Tickets £12. Don't miss this event – always a great night!
Sunday 20th May 3.15pm	Rochester Cathedral Trust's Annual Evensong with a drinks reception afterwards. All are welcome there is no charge, but please advise attendance for catering.
Tuesday 19th June 5.30pm	The Gundulf Club launch for all donors, big and small, includes Evensong, Roof Tour and a reception in the Deanery. Please reserve your place!
Wednesday 27th June	Speakers & Supper "Innovations in Medicine" at Canterbury Christ Church University Medway Campus. This event proved so popular last year that the university have kindly offered to run another in partnership with the Business Guild. All are welcome and more information to follow.
Thursday 5th July 6.30pm	Business Guild Summer event at Hadlow College in Tonbridge. Reception and talk by Mark Lumsdon-Taylor (Deputy Group Principal and Deputy CEO). All are welcome – more information to follow.
Saturday 21st July 12noon	Tunbridge Wells Male Orpheus Choir lunchtime concert. Tickets available as below.
Wednesday 17th October 6.30pm	Dinner in the Nave of the Cathedral. A very special evening with very special VIP guests, including James Taylor who will be launching his new work with the Choir. More information to follow – reserve your table early!
Friday 19th October 7.30pm	A concert in partnership with Abigails Footsteps to celebrate and pay tribute to the music of Queen.

**All of these events are open to all and for further information and tickets for any of these events, please contact Lynne Bax on 01634 810074 or email [development@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:development@rochestercathedral.org)**

## Cooling Wedding Barn Quiz Night

Our first fund raising event of the year was once again hosted by Cooling Wedding Barn to a full house of guests for the Quiz Night. Our very grateful thanks go to Becky and her team at the Barn as well as to Paul & Julie Collins without whose hospitality we could not have held the event. As always, the staff at the Barn were amazing and the Ploughman's Supper delicious!

Well done to "The Gulland's" table who were our winning team of the evening, so congratulations to Blair Gulland and his staff, a fantastic result. Tim Elliott was our Question Master who got us all thinking quite hard! Thanks also go to Jo and Gary, our markers, and Sue and Jara from Garth House.

After expenses, we have raised £1,219 which will go to the Music Endowment which has now gone through the first £1 million! Thank you to all who supported the event.

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