

FRIENDS OF
SAINT WENEFREDE'S CHURCH
BICKLEY

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to be able to send you this, our first newsletter. The time since our most recent AGM has passed swiftly and the committee has been working hard to establish the necessary structure for the Friends to best serve Saint Wenefrede's Church and ensure the fabric and grounds of the Church can be well maintained now and into the future.

As I have worked through our member list, I have become increasingly aware of the extent to which our Church acts as a focal point to a diverse and extended group of people from all over the country. As time progresses I suspect we will discover that the number and array of people who associate with our Church will be much greater than any of us would have predicted at the formation of the Friends. I see it as critical that the Friends make every effort to bring our activities to the attention of all those who have reason to love and appreciate Saint Wenefrede's Church wherever they happen to live.

To this end we have begun work with the Church on the Saint Wenefrede's website, though only in a fairly basic form as yet. I am hopeful that this website will provide a valuable mechanism through which we can support the operation of the Church, advertise our own Friends' activities and allow those who have lost contact with Saint Wenefrede's to find us again. You can find the site on :

<http://www.stwenefredesbickley.org>

Any and all comments on the content you would like to see in the future would be most welcome and appreciated. I would also like to assure all members that we will maintain traditional forms of communication in addition to the new website and email.

Looking forward to this coming year and beyond I would like to give all members early warning of some of our fledgling plans for future events. For the summer of 2015 there are rough-hewn plans for a small (though beautifully formed) fête. Further ahead in the summer of 2016 we hope to organise a series of open gardens around the Bickley, Cholmondeley and Hetherson Green area. Details are sparse at the moment but I look forward to providing more information in our next set of communications early in the new year.

With our plans for events starting to take form, we are also beginning to look at some of the projects we can undertake to improve the fabric of the Church and its grounds. Again any suggestions as to where we might focus our attention would be most welcome. Contact details can be found overleaf.

My best wishes to you all and I look forward to continuing my work with you in support of Saint Wenefrede's Church.

David Wyndham Lewis
Chairman



OTHER NOTICES

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their support of the Friends over the past year. We sincerely hope that members will wish to continue their support in this coming year. Reminder letters for annual donations will be sent out shortly. Our thanks in advance for any donations to the Friends of Saint Wenefrede's Church.

CONTACT DETAILS

We would love to hear from you. Whether you would like to discuss potential projects for Saint Wenefrede's Church, offer suggestions for events or anything else, the Chairman and Secretary can be contacted by either of the means listed in the section below.

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