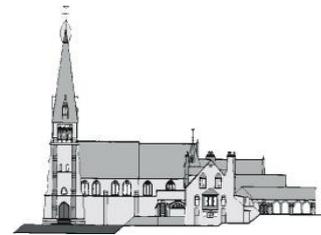


Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles

Patron: The Bishop of Argyll and The Isles

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140th Anniversary Celebrations

Many people are aware that the College of The Holy Spirit first opened its doors in 1851 but fewer will be aware that it was 25 years later that its chapel was consecrated as cathedral for the newly-formed United Diocese of Argyll & The Isles. The actual anniversary of this was in May but a celebratory weekend is being held on the first weekend in August. The Cathedral Choir will be in attendance along with Jonathan Cohen on organ and a number of special guests, including Bishop William, the local RC bishop, Bishop Idris and the Lord Lieutenant. Music will include that of Charles Wood and Hamish McCunn, whose centenary anniversaries we keep around the same time. We'll also be marking the



100th anniversary of Provost Ball. Friends of The Cathedral are most welcome to join us on the day for a service at 3pm, followed by a reception. There is limited

accommodation available in the College over the weekend – please contact The Warden if you wish to stay overnight on the Friday or Saturday.

Congratulations Alastair!



We were delighted to learn back in June that Alastair Chisholm, our Lay Chaplain and Director of Music had been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Alastair was made a *medallist in the Order of the British Empire* or BEM for short. The British Empire Medal has recently been revived and it was awarded to Alastair for his 'services to music and culture on the Isle of Cumbrae' although we know, of course, that his influence goes far beyond that. Alastair will receive the medal from the Lord Lieutenant, the Queen's official representative in Ayrshire, Arran and Cumbrae, at a date in the future yet to be confirmed.

Alastair will be performing as part of the Cathedral 'Music for a Summer Afternoon' series on Sunday 31 July. See the cathedral website for the full programme.

Help save us money!

If you have received this newsletter by post but have an email address, we could save money on printing and postage by emailing it to you. Please contact Nick with your details and he will make the necessary changes to our records.

Strange goings on in the Cathedral woods



There have been all sorts of wonderful things happening in the cathedral grounds recently. An organisation called 'Wild Squirrel' have been running workshops for children around the theme of outdoor adventures. It's been great to have another link with the wider community being developed – and to see so many children enjoying the cathedral grounds. Their activities aren't limited to children's mind you – two sessions for 'Wild Women' are planned for later in the

month! You can see more details in the news section of the cathedral website.

Live Concert from the Cathedral online



We were delighted to welcome 2 school groups at the cathedral in June, both of whom gave small concerts. The second group, from Community Arts Project in Teesside also had their concert streamed live via Facebook – attracting an audience of over 100 at the time and over 1200 views to date. You can watch a video of the concert on the cathedral Facebook page:

[facebook.com/cathedraloftheisles](https://www.facebook.com/cathedraloftheisles) – just follow the link to videos.

The Return of the Bösendorfer



It was a very exciting day indeed when the Bösendorfer piano returned to the cathedral following months of restoration. Pictures of the reinstatement can be viewed on our Facebook page. Donations towards the Bösendorfer fund are still welcome – you'll find a link on the cathedral website or you can send a cheque payable to 'Musical Resources Fund' to the cathedral by post.

Friends' Weekend and Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is open to all members of the Friends and takes place on Saturday 29th October. A formal agenda and calling papers will be issued nearer to the time. This year we are delighted that we will be joined by The Glasgow Chamber Choir, who will be performing Herbert Howells' *Requiem* in the cathedral at 3pm on the same day. Proceeds from the performance will be going to the Bösendorfer fund. Accommodation is available in the college for Friends on the Friday and Saturday evenings at a full board rate of £62.50 per person per day. Suitable fireside entertainment will be arranged for both evenings. Please book via the cathedral website or by calling or emailing the cathedral direct.

Open Retreats at The College

There are still plenty of opportunities to come and stay at The College this year. Our July retreat on *Encouraged by God* is now full but there are still a few spaces available on the *Iconography Workshop* in August and plenty of availability for the *Retreat for Beginners* in September and the *Advent Weekend* at the end of November. You will find full details on the cathedral website or we'll gladly send you information by post if you give us a ring. We're already planning a range of interesting and creative retreats for the 2017 season – details will be published online in the Autumn.

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