THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF

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<u>NEWSLETTER</u>

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Dear Friend,

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the Annual Report for 2017/18. This includes the Annual Accounts for 2017 and notice of the Annual General Meeting 2018.

In the last letter you were informed of the installation of our former Priest-in-Charge, Revd. Canon Dr. Sarah Rowland Jones as Dean of St David's Cathedral. At that time we then had to wait on the process of appointing a new Priest-in-Charge for the parish. That process is now complete and an appointment was recently made of the Revd. Sarah Jones, presently Rector of Ross-on-Wye to become our next Parish Priest. Her licensing will take place on Thursday 18th October at 7.30pm. You are invited to attend. If you wish to do so it would be appreciated if you could let us know, either to myself or to the churchwardens. The similarity of name of our new priest to our last priest is purely coincidental, they are not related.

There has been sad news in the parish. One of the most faithful members both of the church and of the Friends passed away in July. Pauline Grainger has been a mainstay of St John's for longer than most people can remember, having served as churchwarden and supported the church in just about every way. An obituary is given in the report. We have also just over a week ago lost another faithful member, Mrs. Mary Jones, who has attended St John's and been a Friend for many years. Her passing being so recent, it could not be included in the report, but we express our sympathy to her family and friends.

The Annual General Meeting takes place after morning service on Sunday 14th October, at 11.45 am, and all members are welcome to attend. The other date to note is the Autumn Luncheon which is on Sunday 25th November, and this year we are returning to the New House Hotel at Thornhill, just outside Cardiff. Full details with menu choices and booking form will be sent to you later.

The Friends as ever is grateful for the support of its members, who enable it to support the church in various ways. After 25 years it now looks forward to the next 25 years in keeping St John's as a living, thriving and welcoming church at the heart of the city.

Richard Hall, (Hon.Sec.)