



## THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF

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### NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Dear Friend,

The Annual General Meeting took place in the church after morning service on Sunday 14th October. The President took the chair, and the meeting stood in memory of three members who have died in the past year, Pauline Grainger, Mary Jones and Esme Asbridge. The Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary gave their reports, this being the first time for our new treasurer, Mr. Paul Davies. We thank him for stepping forward to take on this position. The Executive Committee members who were eligible continued in office, but with the sad loss of Pauline, the departure of Canon Sarah Rowland Jones on leaving the parish, and the arrival of Ruth Livingstone having been appointed as churchwarden. There are still two vacancies on the committee which have not been filled. Membership numbers remain steady, with a few new members joining to compensate for losses. While this is encouraging, a growth in membership would be even better. The Executive Committee will be welcoming a new member for its next meeting, namely our new Priest-in-Charge, Revd. Sarah Jones, who was licensed to the parish this month.

### **NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE**

Our new Priest-in-Charge, Revd. Sarah Jones, was licensed to the parish on 18th October. The service was presided by the Right Revd. June Osborne, Bishop of Llandaff, together with the Archdeacon of Llandaff, Ven. Peggy Jackson, and the Area Dean of Cardiff, Canon Stewart Lisk. After the formal appointment, Revd. Sarah was welcomed to the parish by the parishioners, the Lord Mayor on behalf of the city, and representatives of other churches and faiths. We look forward to having her as part of our community, and that she will now lead our church forward into the next period of its life. We have every confidence that Sarah will take up the challenges of the task with vigour.

Sarah was born in London and lived there until her mid 20s. She loved music, so after leaving school went to work in a music shop. After working in business in sales, management and training roles, she went back to college and university as a mature student, studying Psychology. She then spent a further period working in business until she responded to her calling and trained for ordination. For the past 14 years she has been based in Ross on Wye and has been Rector there for almost 11 years. She enjoys watching sports, but her great love is music, especially acoustic folk and singer-songwriters. She plays guitar on the acoustic music scene, where she has made recordings. She also has a fondness for church music. The diversity of her background will be a great asset to her ministry in the complex variety of issues we face in our parish.

## **AUTUMN LUNCHEON**

The Autumn Luncheon of the Friends will be on Sunday 25th November 2018 at the New House Hotel, Thornhill, just outside Cardiff, at 12.30 for 1.00pm. If you would like to attend, please return the slip at the bottom of the enclosed menu, indicating your choices, or add your name to the list in the church. The cost will be £20 for 2 courses or £25 for 3 courses, or a children's meal for under 12's for £13. Places are limited, so please reply promptly. If you would like a lift organised for you, please tick on the form.

## **INSOLE COURT**

Insole Court is a historic mansion in the Llandaff area of Cardiff, which was acquired from the Insole family by the City Council and used for various purposes. As part of Cardiff's heritage it is of great importance, as our young city has very few heritage buildings. A while ago it was threatened with closure and possible demolition, but has been saved by a determined public appeal. It is undergoing an ongoing programme of extensive renovation, paid for by funds raised by public appeal. Our President, Capt. Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards is also Chairman of the appeal, and is seeking support for funding for a further phase of the work. He writes;

Insole Court has been shortlisted for an award under the category of a restoration costing under £5 million. There are two others in the final list for all Wales and the winner will then pass to the UK Final. There is a panel of judges to decide but there is also an award for the most popular. The Awards will bring funding and publicity and so I seek your help in voting for Insole Court. The deadline is 4th November.

You can vote by visiting the website link shown below and selecting Insole Court from the Under £5m category. With thanks in anticipation, Sir Norman LI-E.

<https://rcahmw.gov.uk/about-us/heritageangelawardswales/heritage-angel-awards-2018-public-vote/>

Richard Hall, (Hon.Sec.)