



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

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### NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friend,

#### **THE CHURCH.**

The church reopened for Sunday morning worship at Easter, and this has continued. Covid restrictions still apply, which means that the congregation must remain socially distanced and wear masks. There has recently been some easing of the rules, which means that the allowed capacity for service has been increased to 60 and agreed non-family groups can sit together. As yet there is no sign of being able to return to weekday opening. Our vicar continues to hold services online on weekdays and Sunday afternoons using the Internet. We will not be hosting the usual run of carol services by various organisations at Christmas, but are planning for a few special Christmas services. We are not able to operate the Tea Room, or ring the bells at the moment, both of which are missed. We hope that at some time we will be able to get things more back to normal again. We are looking to re-start a small choir soon, compliant with the rules.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

Because of restrictions there will be no Friends Annual Festival again this year. We will hold our Annual General Meeting in the church on Sunday 24th October. It will again be a short formal meeting confined to essential business as required by law. Members are requested not to attend unless they are already in the church for morning service. The meeting will begin immediately following morning worship. For those not attending, a form of proxy is enclosed for voting by post. If you wish to vote you should return it by post to the address shown no later than 18th October. If new restrictions mean that the church can not open that day, the meeting will be conducted online. The Annual Report with notice of the meeting, and a proxy form are enclosed with this newsletter. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting are available on the Friends website.

Members of the executive committee retire by rotation after three years, and are eligible for re-election. Mr. Robert Stogdon retires this year and has indicated that he does not wish to continue. We thank him for his contribution to the Friends over the years.

Finally, can I offer best wishes to all members in the hope that things will be back to normal by next year.

Richard Hall, (Hon.Sec.)