Spring 2022 Fundraising Newsletter

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From the windows of our fundraising office, we enjoy spectacular views across the Precincts—witnessing the brilliant industry of the Cathedral’s craftspersons and the dedication of the wider staff team. We are delighted to offer you a snapshot of their work in this newsletter.

Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and kind benefactors (thank you!), the Canterbury Journey is a transformative project—securing the iconic fabric, showcasing our world-class collections and re-imagining how visitors are welcomed. Here, Mark Hosea, Project Director, offers readers an update on this extraordinary project’s final year of works and its legacy (see page 5).

Along with articles about our current fundraising priority projects—the repair and restoration of the West Front and our sparkling Choral Scholars Programme—we are thrilled to introduce our Becket Patrons and Augustine Legacy Circle. If you are interested in supporting the Cathedral through these new programmes, please do get in touch—fundraising@canterbury-cathedral.org or 01227 865343. It is always lovely to hear from you.

Our Benefactors’ Service will be held on Saturday 21st May. If you are able to attend, please do RSVP as instructed in the cover letter. We so hope to see you at this very special service to say thank you, in person, for your great generosity.

Finally, in case you aren’t aware, Dean Robert will be retiring in May 2022. We look forward to bringing you news of his successor in due course.

All good wishes and many thanks,

Jo, Sam and Summer (The Fundraising Team)
Introducing Canterbury Cathedral’s Becket Patrons

We are delighted to introduce you to Canterbury Cathedral’s Becket Patrons programme. Newly formed, the Becket Patrons are a distinguished group of supporters who want to become even more closely connected with our magnificent Cathedral by committing to making regular donations on a monthly or annual basis and receiving special benefits in return.

In order to become a Becket Patron we request donations of £750+ per annum, or £62.50+ per month.

Becket Patrons will have access to benefits including:

- Free entry to the Cathedral for up to 4 adults and 3 children (under 18)
- Priority booking for events organised by the Cathedral
- An invitation to an annual Becket Patrons event
- Regular updates on Cathedral news
- Becket Patron tie pin or lapel pin
- A thank you in Cathedral publications

We are planning the first annual Becket Patrons event for later in 2022 and look forward to sending you more information in due course, if you do indeed become a Becket Patron!

Regular committed support like this is vitally important to the Cathedral because it means that we are able to count on your support month after month, year after year, and plan for the future with reassurance and certainty. This is crucial, now more than ever, both following the pandemic and with the deep uncertainties that are being felt in many facets of our lives, all around the world.

As the Becket Patrons are passionate about protecting Canterbury Cathedral and share a profound desire to see it continue to be a beacon of excellence, hope and welcome, we hope that you will take pride in helping us achieve this sureness.

“Hearing the Cathedral alive with the sounds of worship, choral music and the hubbub of human interaction symbolises the central role of Canterbury for the world.”

- The Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Whether you are most passionate about the Cathedral’s music, ministry, stained glass, fabulous architecture, stonemasons, archives and library or something else entirely, we hope that by becoming a Becket Patron you will feel like you are making a real difference to the sustainability of this special place - because you are!

To become a Becket Patron please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to us by post or email (full address details can be found on the back cover of this newsletter). Alternatively you can visit www.canterbury-cathedral.org/support-us/becket-patrons to join online.

To speak to us about becoming a Becket Patron you are most welcome to call 01227 865343 or email fundraising@canterbury-cathedral.org.

We hope that it will truly feel as special for you to be a Becket Patron as it will feel for us to have you.

With your help, Canterbury Cathedral - and all that it means to all of the communities that it serves - will continue to be protected and sustained for future generations to enjoy.

Thank You.

A minimum payment of £156 a year secures all Becket Patron benefits and you may purchase these benefits separately without making any further donation. The remaining £594 is a suggested minimum donation. Giftaid can be reclaimed on the suggested minimum donation. For bank transfers and standing orders please use the following: Canterbury Cathedral Sort Code 30-64-57, Account Number 81983860, Reference: (Surname) Patron. Cheques should be made payable to Canterbury Cathedral.
The Canterbury Journey

This is the final year of this 8-year project to undertake vital conservation work to the Cathedral and Christ Church Gate, open up our collections, engage the local community and improve the visitor experience. As one of the largest projects of its kind ever undertaken, it has certainly transformed the place! This year, the fruits of our labours, particularly on the building, will finally be on show for all to enjoy.

The safety deck inside the Cathedral has been removed, revealing glorious stained glass and the Nave’s vaulted ceiling (see image on front cover). On the outside of the building the scaffolding is gradually coming down, showing the gleaming towers and stone work. In the coming months the works compound (behind the hoarding) will be drastically reduced and the area will be turfed, improving that iconic view of the South side of the Cathedral.

In the Crypt, the new exhibition space has been unveiled (see image on next page). Amongst our many treasures previously hidden from view, visitors can see the original Black Prince’s Achievements (the curious name for his helm, shield etc) which date back to the 1300s.

Of course, the pandemic curbed many of our plans to welcome local community groups to the Cathedral, but we are delighted to now be working with a variety of groups supporting refugees, ex-offenders, older people and those with disabilities. In addition, we have run special projects for families, schools, and the Scouts. Perhaps the most important outcome of The Canterbury Journey is that everyone feels that this is their Cathedral.

Our thanks and congratulations go to each and every stonemason, glazier, scaffolding expert, carpenter, lead-worker and indeed the whole team that has achieved so much. None of it would be possible without you, our supporters. Together, you donated over £11m to this vast project.

The past few years, and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, have shown us that Canterbury Cathedral and its future are surprisingly fragile. We are so grateful for all of your support; past, present and future, for helping us to continue to care for the Cathedral and strive to achieve its mission, ‘to show people Jesus’, in everything that we do.

To show our recognition for this support, we have introduced new ways to provide an interesting, informative and meaningful connection between you and the Cathedral. We hope that both the Becket Patrons and the Augustine Legacy Circle will bring us closer together after this difficult time of being particularly distanced.

You might like to see our Book of Remembrance which remembers legators and all those who are remembered with a gift in memory. It can be found online, at www.canterbury-cathedral.org/support-us in the Giving in Memory and Leaving a Gift in Your Will sections, and will be printed and blessed at each Benefactors’ Service.

We would like to reiterate our huge thanks to all who have already become Patrons and joined the Circle by pledging a legacy - your names are listed here.

And our sincere thanks to Becket Patrons and those in the Augustine Legacy Circle who wish to remain anonymous.

The Trinity Chapel Roof

Visitors will have noticed another area of scaffolding going up and over the Trinity Chapel. This complex structure will protect the roof (and workers!) while essential works are undertaken in the roof space. A team of carpenters and lead-workers are repairing and lead-workers are repairing the damage to timbers and guttering caused by water ingress and beetle infestation, securing the precious Trinity Chapel for years to come. The project was funded by Historic England, as part of the Government’s pandemic Culture Recovery Fund. The works are due for completion by June 2022 and are an important reminder that ‘routine’ maintenance on this ancient building will be ongoing, despite the incredible achievements of The Canterbury Journey.

The Cathedral Clock

The clock face on the North East Tower was removed in 2018 as part of The Canterbury Journey, along with the internal mechanism, and both have been repaired and restored by the Cumbria Clock Company (who have simultaneously been working on the Big Ben clock, no less!). On a particularly windy day late last year, the refurbished dial was winched 120ft up and attached to the Tower, the mechanism and pendulum were reassembled and attached to the bells. Once again, the clock marks the passage of time in the Cathedral Precincts.

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I enclose a gift of £ .................................................. in support of Canterbury Cathedral's work

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