

# Newsletter October 2021

It was good to welcome members to our AGM in the Nave on 15 July. Despite being unable to offer refreshments, having to wear masks and sit socially distanced we were able to proceed with our business.

We had circulated members by post asking for their approval to register the Friends as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and this was passed unanimously so David Hare, our Treasurer, is completing the application to The Charities Commission.

I would like to thank David Miers and Patricia Williams who retired as trustees at the AGM. Patricia has been a very active member of Council and David has spent many hours drafting our new Constitution. Dr David Stocks and Rev Dr Gwynne Wright were elected and I look forward to working with them. David has attended the Minster and been a member of the Friends for 20 years. Gwynne has also been a Friend for 20 years and is a guide and Honorary Chaplain in the Minster.

The restoration of the Chapter House floor, funded by the Friends, is now complete and looks very impressive. We have also given grants for the construction of a catering cupboard complete with sink and fridge, which is situated behind the astronomical clock, and look forward to using it next year when coffee mornings will resume. Several conservation projects in the Library have also been funded.

The order form for our Christmas card is on the reverse of this Newsletter and we hope many of you will support us by ordering some. This year we have chosen an interior of the Minster which we feel is very uplifting. Our office at 9 Minster Yard is now open you will be able to collect your cards and save postage. (See times on the Order Form)

We had hoped to be able to resume our activities this autumn but we have decided that as there are still restrictions in place we will wait until next spring. Let us hope that by then there will be fewer limitations. It will be so good to see people again and to share their company.

Please would you make sure that we have your up to date contact details; your home address, phone number and email. Every time we try to contact members some are returned. We are trying to use email addresses where possible as this cuts down our costs.

We look forward to seeing you in 2022,

*Meg Shorland-Ball*