

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH 7.00 p.m. FRIDAY JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011**

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to chair the meetings of the Friends for the past 12 months. Last year we lost the services of founder Chairman Bill Croucher plus Beryl Worrall as Secretary and Ed. Phillips as a Trustee. Their contribution to the formation and successful running of the Friends since 2004 has been immense. On behalf of all our Members and Trustees I would like to thank them formally for their contributions. The foundations they laid and the example they set will serve the organisation well in the years ahead.

At the last AGM you elected three new Trustees - Roena Wraighte, who has taken over seamlessly from Beryl as Secretary, plus Chrissie Preece and Stuart Drew both of whom have settled well into their new roles. We are indeed fortunate to have the services of our energetic and experienced Treasurer Alan Trenaman, and Audrey Ross who represents the PCC. We have been pleased to see the Rector at two of our meetings in the last year. My thanks are due to all Trustees for their support and efforts. In 2012 we shall require another two new Trustees to replace those standing down and I would ask members to seriously consider putting their names forward or recommend someone who might be interested in becoming a Trustee.

Having supplied £10,000 for the Pinnacles Project last year, in the year ended 31/3/2011 we have started to address the work recommended in the last Quinquennial report as well as paying for the usual three revenue demands. In January the Trustees made available to the PCC £6,000 towards the cost of Phase 1 of the Quinquennial. This work was completed in June after a delayed start – it was essential if unspectacular work, repairing decaying stones, waterproofing and refurbishing barge boards. The total cost of the Quinquennial is £24,000 - current projections show that the Friends will only be able to fund around 50% of this unless grant contributions can be obtained. We therefore do need to seek ways of growing our revenues to meet what will inevitably be ever rising demands.

We currently have 104 memberships comprising 147 members of whom two are Honary, having increased the numbers by 6% in 2010/11. We hope the majority of these will choose to renew their subscriptions in the coming year. Our prospects list has 120 names on it but we are now getting to the “less likely” options. Would members please give some thought to potential new people whom we might approach - we guarantee that we will not contact individuals to whom we have already written. Please mention any suggested names to one of the Trustees either at or before the AGM.

To date the Friends have not asked members to consider leaving a Legacy donation in their wills although some have done so. Forms are now available to enable this to happen should individuals feel it is something they wish to do – copy attached. Please contact myself or Alan Trenaman if there are any questions about this possibility. I am confident that our successors will be able to put any such sums to very good use on behalf of our Church buildings in years to come.

I would like to end by sincerely thanking all our members for their continued support of our cause – without your generosity none of what has been achieved to date would have been possible.