

The Friends of St George Tombland

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Newsletter

November 2019

Recent Events

We had an unusually full programme of activities this summer, much appreciated by the Friends and their friends, as well as raising useful sums of money for our projects.

The St George's Day celebrations were deferred until Saturday 18 May owing to the late date of Easter. In the afternoon, an illustrated talk on Norfolk from the Air by Pauline Young, co-author of several books on this subject, proved very popular, and we followed this with the customary tea and Choral Evensong with the choir of Christ Church Eaton.

There were no less than three excellent events in June: a tour of the historic basement and undercroft lying beneath the Missing Kind's headquarters and KindaKafe in Castle Meadow with our own Sarah Walker; a tour of Elm Hill led by city guide Jan King; and a chamber concert arranged at short notice and given by members of the UEA Symphony Orchestra.

On 24 July, the hottest evening of the year, we enjoyed a tour of The Great Hospital plus the usual fish and chips supper back in church. Actually we only got halfway round and plan part two of the tour for summer 2020.



Subterranean Norwich

Forthcoming events

All profits and donations will go to the work of the Friends

A concert with the title 'Christmas with UEA Chamber Choir' will be given in St George's on Sunday 8 December at 6.30pm. This will be extremely popular, and you should arrive early! Doors open at 5.45.

The UEA Chamber Choir will visit us again on Sunday 8 March 2020 at 6.30pm. Details to follow.

We will mark St George's Day on Saturday April 25 2020. As usual the day will conclude with Choral Evensong at 5pm with the choir of Christ Church Eaton. Further details to be confirmed.

Other events are still being planned and will be announced in our next newsletter.

Donations

As many of you will know, the clock face on our church tower has been looking neglected recently. During the summer it was repaired and repainted and now looks very smart. The Friends contributed £1000 to this work, and also will be donating the proceeds of the UEA concert in December. This important Norwich landmark should not need further attention for many years.

We also gave £1000 towards repairs of the guttering, a less glamorous but equally important task.

Finally, the new service books in use at St George's were designed by our Rector, Revd Alaric Lewis, produced and given by the Friends.



Work in progress and the end result!



Best wishes from the Trustees for Christmas and 2020