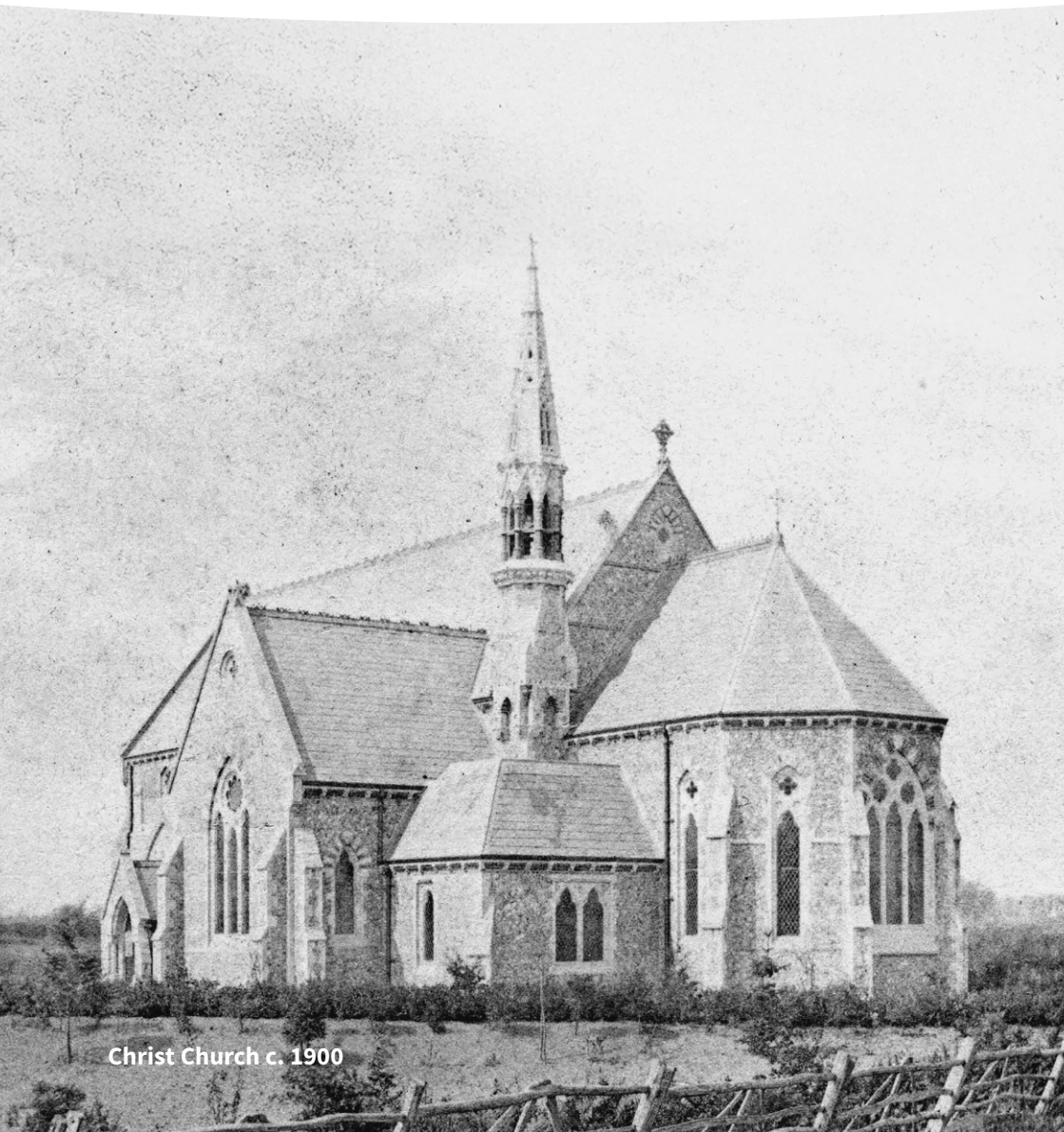




# The Friends of Christ Church, Eaton

**Chair's Report to the Sixth Annual Meeting,  
11 September 2025**



Christ Church c. 1900



2024 Annual Meeting and Reception



Quiz and Chips Night, March



Anglian Singers Concert, June

## Social Events

Monies raised by the Friends come from generous donations and collections but a key part of the Friends' brief is to build stronger ties with the local community – our church is here for everyone in the parish, whether they are part of the church family or not.

2024/25 saw several such events.

The Friends' fifth Annual Meeting and Reception (renamed the Annual Summer Party) took place on 6 September 2024. It was hosted by a member of the Friends' Management

Team and offered another opportunity to meet and socialise. This was a very pleasant evening giving the Friends and their guests the chance to mix and mingle.

We held another of our popular Quiz and Chips events on 29 March, followed by a concert by the Anglian Singers on 21 June in church.

Both events were highly successful socially as well as raising a substantial amount of money for the Friends' 2025 project.



## 2025 Project

The fabric of our church is examined by an architect every five years ('the Quinquennial'); it identifies essential work to maintain our much loved Victorian building in good order.

At the start of the year the Friends agreed that this year's project would be to raise funds towards some of the most urgent work, including repairs to the main door to the church, the boiler room, school room and the chancel.

We are very grateful for the generous donation which we have received this year towards this work.



**The Friends of Christ Church was set up in January 2018 to help support the work of preserving and maintaining the church and its surrounds and to engage more fully with the local community.**

The money we raise is used solely to preserve this important part of our local heritage by keeping the building in good condition for the use, enjoyment and appreciation of everyone, whether a churchgoer or not. Monies are kept in a restricted fund for this purpose.

You are most welcome to continue to support our work as we move into 2026, either by BACS to Account Name: Eaton Christ Church PCC, Sort Code 20-62-53 Account No. 53731987 marked Friends of Christ Church” or by cheque (also payable to Eaton Christ Church PCC), sending it to the Parishes’ Office at 41 Church Lane, NR4 6NW marked “2026 Project” Please note that our bank now charges us for every cheque it processes.



**We are supported by wonderful Patrons:**

Mark Jeffries, Rachel Hore, David Taylor and David Walker.

**I would also like to thank the hard-working members of the Management Team which I lead:** Carrie Phoenix, Roger Glenwright, Vivien Humber, Catherine Jeffries and John Ladd. We said a sad farewell to Management Team member Alison Court, who brilliantly organised last year’s fundraising Witchert Chorale concert – leaving us on a high note, retiring, with her husband, to the West Country.

**Finally my thanks to all the Friends – both long-standing and recent members. We greatly value your support and look forward to seeing you at future events.**

**David Scott**

Chair, Management Team, Friends of Christ Church Eaton  
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