



The Friends of Christ Church, Eaton

**Chair's Report to the Seventh Annual Meeting,
11 September 2026**



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.

In 2025/6 there have been several such events.

The Friends' Sixth Annual Meeting and Summer Party took place on 11 September 2025. It was hosted by one of our churchwardens and offered another opportunity to meet and socialise, offering an opportunity to mix and mingle.

The annual Quiz and Chips Evening took place on 14 March at Eaton Park Community Centre. As ever the event was sold out and an encouraging amount was raised towards the 2026/7 project.

We are looking forward to a very special talk on 9/11 – A Survivor's Story 9/11 by Janice Brookes on 25 September at Christ Church. Janice was in the Twin Towers on 11 September 2001 when tragedy struck. She sees her talks as an opportunity to pay tribute to those who were involved as she was. She will be in New York for the 25th anniversary.



2025 Annual Meeting and Reception



Quiz and Chips Night, March



A Survivor's Story 9/11 by Janice Brookes

A similar door in a
local church 2026



2026/7 Project

At the start of the year the Friends agreed that our 2026/7 project would be replacement of the inner doors at the western end of the church, the main entrance. The existing doors are badly warped and all attempts to rectify this have failed.

The proposed new oak framed glass doors, similar to projects at

Lakenham, Trowse and Old Catton, will be visually attractive and eco-friendly, substantially reducing draughts. The work is of some complexity and requires the services of the Diocesan-appointed architects.

The cost is estimated at between £12K to 15K. I am pleased to say we have already received substantial donations.

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 2027, 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 "2026/7 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:

Carrie Phoenix, Roger Glenwright, Vivien Humber, Catherine Jeffries and our new member, Audrey Joliffe, who has already made a substantial contribution to our work.

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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