



MID YEAR NEWS 2020

From The Friends of Julian of Norwich

Message from the Trustees

'All shall be well, all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.'

Covid-19 has affected us all throughout the world.

As the UK gradually emerges from lockdown, we are aware that many of you are still suffering the height of the pandemic.

The prayerful support we share as Friends and Companions is precious to us all. The Julian Centre has just reopened on Mondays and Saturdays, so 'Prayers in the Centre' will once again join with your prayers at home.

On the same day as the Julian Centre opened its doors, St Julian's Church reopened having been closed for ten days while the Julian Cell was cleaned and redecorated. The discoloured walls, flaking paint and rafters adorned with cobwebs are but a memory. The Cell now looks bright and welcoming (see image below). This transformation has been paid for by us, the Friends of Julian of Norwich, as our contribution to the upkeep of the Julian Cell. Fr. Richard and the Parish send their thanks to you (see *A Report to the Friends on the Julian Partnership*, p4).

As the May Newsletter reached you, we received the wonderful news that Fr. Richard Stanton had been appointed to the role of Priest Director of the Julian Campus while continuing as Parish Priest to St John's Timberhill and St Julian's.



This is a three year appointment starting this September. He will oversee the development of the Julian Shrine, All Hallows House and the Julian Centre bringing all of us together to build the Julian Campus into a thriving Pilgrimage Centre while striving to maintain the prayerful

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and peaceful atmosphere which we and our visitors love. Please support Fr. Richard with prayer and if possible by visiting the Shrine.

Financial support for this ambitious venture is also welcomed. One way you can do this is by sponsoring Shirley Buxton in her 100 mile swim! (See *The Big Splash*, p8).

During 'lock-down', the Friends of Julian have still been busy. Peter Colback has completed building the new Friends of Julian Website. It has been launched and provides us with a platform to promote Julian in this technological world. We offer our grateful thanks to Peter (see *New Website*, p9).

Also we give a big thank you to Fr. Luke Penkett, who has transformed our Julian Library. The reference section is no longer squeezed into a glass cabinet, but with the acquisition of many books on Julian and related topics, stretches the whole right hand side of the library.

In the last months people have inevitably turned to the internet to keep things moving. Following a successful on-line Trustees' Meeting, we decided to hold an on-line Annual General Meeting on Saturday 12th September. We know Friends missed gathering together at the Julian Festival in May, but we hope that

many Friends of Julian, not able to travel to Norwich, will grasp this unique opportunity to participate in this year's AGM (see *Annual General Meeting*, p10).

We have had to postpone this year's Autumn Conference with Mirabai Starr but this has prompted the organisation of an online conference to be held on 9th, 10th and 11th October. It presents another opportunity for participants to join from many parts of the world and if successful perhaps an on-line conference/retreat should be a regular part of the Friends of Julian's yearly programme. (details can be found on our website www.julianofnorwich.org)

Lastly, our thanks go to Sally-Anne Lomas who, as Chair of the Trustees, has guided us through this important year of changes and developments. Sally-Anne has resigned as Chair due to an increase in her workload, but we are grateful that she has agreed to remain on the Board of Trustees.

These challenging times lead us to look for new possibilities. Amid the many difficulties we have been given time to reflect and grow in faith. As people faced isolation, many have looked to Julian for solace and inspiration. Let us move forward with new purpose and understanding.

THE JULIAN CENTRE RE-OPENS...

A MESSAGE FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

We are delighted that the doors of the Julian Centre opened again on Saturday 25th July to welcome visitors and pilgrims.

Initially, we will only be open on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) and Saturdays between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Physical distancing and public health measures will be in place.

We regret that we're unable to accommodate groups, or to offer any refreshments at the moment. However, you are most welcome to call in for a chat and browse our gift shop when visiting Mother Julian's shrine next door.

Please feel free to contact us via the website, or by phone and we'll respond as soon as possible.



HELP US SAVE VALUABLE FUNDS!

If you've received this newsletter by post but you would be happy to have an email copy in future please send us your email address:
contact@julianofnorwich.org

The more people that we can contact by email the more funds we can save.

Thank you.





A REPORT TO THE FRIENDS ON THE JULIAN PARTNERSHIP ...

FROM CANON ANDY BRYANT, LEADING THIS PROCESS

Plans are moving ahead to offer a unified way to develop the mission and ministry focused on the Cell of Mother Julian of Norwich. For the first time it will bring together in partnership All Hallows House, The Julian Centre, the Church, Cell and grounds. This will be overseen by a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Julian Partnership, supported by the Diocese of Norwich, Norwich Cathedral, the Parish of Timberhill, the Community of All Hallows, the Friends of Julian and other partners from across the city. Working together it is hoped to be able to provide a fitting way to honour and keep alive the influence of the life and writings of the internationally renowned Mother Julian.

The aim of the Julian Campus is to be a place of welcome, tranquillity, study, spirituality and mission, inspired by the teaching and witness of Julian of Norwich. Flowing from this it is hoped that the Campus will be a focus of service to the city, especially in more deprived areas, a focus for the mission of the Church within a specifically catholic tradition, and a focus for evolving religious life, building on the work of the Community of All Hallows who for much of the last one hundred years have ministered from this site.

To help deliver this plan the following posts will be established: a part-time

Priest Director to oversee the running of the Campus; a full-time Pioneer Curate (from Sept 2021) to initiate and develop the mission and a full-time House Steward to oversee on-site hospitality. Generous finances have been provided for the next three years to support the Campus as it moves towards being self-sustaining.

Inevitably the implementation of this plan has been delayed by Covid-19. However we are pleased to announce that Fr Richard Stanton has been appointed as the first Priest Director. The CIO is in the process of being legally established and once this has happened the Community of All Hallows will formally lease All Hallows House and the Julian Centre to the Julian Partnership. At the same time quotes are being obtained for work to the House and the Centre where a simple refurbishment is being planned.

We are very grateful to the Community of All Hallows in generously supporting the refurbishment and in funding the House Steward for three years. The Friends are also generously supporting the refurnishing of All Hallows House and, for the next three years, contributing to the stipend of the Priest Director.

Our hope had been that all would be in place for a start in August but realistically now this project is unlikely to fully launch until the new year.

A SPECIAL NOTE

FROM FR RICHARD STANTON,
PARISH PRIEST OF ST JULIAN'S

Dear Friends and Companions,

'If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!' So St Paul told us in the epistle (II Corinthians 5.14-17) at Mass this morning, the Feast of St Mary Magdalene, whose closeness to the Saviour inspired the Lady Julian's longing at the time of her illness to enter more fully into the Passion of Christ 'as Mary Magdalene and the others who loved him.'

Our church, and this global network of Friends, exists to bear witness to this new creation through Christ, and to participate joyfully in its manifestation in the world. We are not here to point to ourselves, nor to the Lady Julian, but to point with her and her fellow mystics to the Risen Lord who gathers us together as a new and redeemed humanity. It's my hope that all who come to St Julian's here in Norwich and all who, through us or by other means, encounter the writings of the Lady Julian have their horizons widened and their vision expanded to realise our great spiritual inheritance as Christians, to root their lives in the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament, and to open themselves to the purifying and strengthening action of the Holy Spirit sent by the Father to lead us into all truth and equip us for service in the world for the sake of the Kingdom.

A pretty tall order, you might think! But it's our vision and our hope, under God, and I'm very glad to have the opportunity over the next few



years to work with many of you in nurturing a coherent, warm and joyful mission and witness for the campus of the buildings which cluster around the Lady Julian's Cell – the church, churchyard garden, Julian Centre and All Hallows House. The unique challenges brought by this particular year add complexity to what was already an ambitious project, so we count on the prayers and enthusiastic support of all the Friends. The Friends and Companions are remembered in prayer daily at Evening Prayer (said at 6pm in St Julian's each day), and frequently at Mass, and I hope you will give us a daily place in your prayers as we seek to be faithful here to the work the Lord is giving us to do.

We need your active involvement. Your prayers, your financial support, your visits when possible, your activity in your own local context to share the Good News we have received are all ways in which the Friends can be a dynamic and energetic force for good in the spiritual renewal which the Churches and the world so greatly need. If you are in Christ, you are a new creation! For you, it is always the first day of the week, and he is calling you by your name – 'as Mary Magdalene, and the others who loved him.'

Devotedly yours in him,
Fr Richard



JULIAN CHRONOLOGY

Our honorary Librarian, Luke Penkett CJN, has prepared this, which reveals that despite living in a time of plague, Julian responded to God's never-ending care and love for us, His creation:

November 1342	Julian's birth
1348-49	Norwich experiences its first wave of the Black Death. About 40% of Norwich's population dies.
1361-62	Norwich experiences its second wave. About 20% die, including a high proportion of children.
1369	Norwich experiences its third wave. About 13% die.
	Julian may have married, bore at least one child who died, and was widowed.
May 8 (13) 1373	Julian receives her revelations in her own home at '30 and a half yrs old'. Julian writes her Short Text.
1374	Four out of 16 nuns at Carrow die of Black Death.
1375-1390	Norwich experiences recurrances of the Black Death.
February 1393	After 20yrs of meditation Julian writes her Long Text.
March 1393	Julian's name is included in Roger Reed's will. By now, at the latest, Julian is in the anchorage.
1404	Julian and Sarah, her servant, are included in Thomas Edmunds' will.
1413-16	Margery Kempe visits Julian.
1413	According to the Short Text MS, Julian is still alive.
Nov 1415	Judith, her maid Alice, and Sarah, are included in John Plumpton's will.
1416	Julian is included in Isobel Ufford's will. She is now 74yrs old.
1429	'An anchoress in the churchyard of St Julian's is included in a will. Julian would have been 87.
Unknown	Julian's death.

JULIAN PHRASES

*'For it is His pleasure to reign
blissfully in our understanding,
and to sit restfully in our soul,
and to dwell endlessly in our
soul, working us all into himself.'*



The Companions have been invited to write about their chosen Julian phrases, here is the first, from *Chris Styles, CJN*. Our new [website](#) has more...

Above is my Julian phrase, from Chapter 57 of the Barry Windeatt translation of Revelations of Divine Love, chosen on becoming a Companion. I spent some time before choosing my phrase and it has become something I say every day after the prayer "I awake this morning in the presence of the holy angels of God. May heaven open wide before me, above me, and around me that I may set the Christ of my love and his sunlit company in all the things of the earth this day".

I am greatly enamoured of the angels and live in a village where the local Catholic church is dedicated to St Michael, so feel this is the place I should be.

I also like to have the Companions of Julian medal with me at my morning and evening prayers, and during my times of twice daily meditation, being a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Wearing the Companions medal also reminds me to pray daily for my fellow Companions, The Friends of Julian, the Trustees, the volunteers, Fr Richard the Vicar of Norwich parish churches St John's Timberhill and St Julian's, and Bishop Graham, the Norwich Diocesan Bishop.

Julian continually reminds us that Our Blessed Lord is part of the Holy Trinity and, as above, many of her writings reflect the Trinity.

I love Julian's reflection that there is no wrath in God. Each Sunday at the Eucharist we read a portion of the Old Testament as listed in the Lectionary and, so often, the writers of the Old Testament tell us, God is punishing wrongdoers. How good to know that God doesn't get angry and is always and only a God of Love.

I read a book recently written by a man who was born Jewish, became a Roman Catholic at an early age, later became an ordained priest, and in later years returned to his Jewish roots. He clarified for me Jesus as an historical character, that is he put Our Lord's life into its historical context. This gave me a new understanding of the Gospels and has enriched my faith. So, I think it is good to see Julian in the context and beliefs of her times. We grow in our faith by studying Julian's wonderful revelations and their meaning for us in our daily lives.

Lord God, in your compassion you granted to Julian many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love. Move our hearts, like hers, to see you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all. Amen.

SHIRLEY'S BIG SPLASH

SHIRLEY BUXTON, TRUSTEE

I dive into the ice blue, still blue, deep blue waters, hungry for the peace and tranquillity that awaits. I glide under water then rise in joy, to breathe in the delights of rose and honeysuckle. Today the heavens are sky blue, clear blue, endless blue with wisps of white reflecting the splash of my dive.

Entering the pool, I leave part of me behind. I move effortlessly in the water, arthritic pain banished, left on dry land. As I disrobe, I shed the worries, concerns, regrets and guilt. This is my time for prayer and reflection, time alone save for my creator. Rolling onto my back, I face the heavens about and give praise for the wonders of this world and for life.

Weightless in the water I lap the pool. Length after length I swim, unencumbered by daily cares, cleansed from tiresome thoughts. Praise turns to thanksgiving. My busy mind emptied, now has room to reflect on the good things of life and I give thanks. Reflecting on these blessings leads me to remember that all is not well in this world. Supplication creeps in alongside thanksgiving until it demands an outpouring of prayer, pleading for the pain and grief of my fellow man and our broken world. The God of endless love hears these intercessions and I know 'All shall be well.'

I marvel how peaceful I feel as I swim my daily mile. The water supports my core and washes me as I circuit the pool. Words from Psalm 51 flow through my mind, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.... Create in me a new heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Certain of God's love and forgiveness I emerge from the pool ready to take

on the challenges of the day ahead, leaving dancing patterns of light on clear blue waters.

Having completed my 100 km swim on 11th July, I decided to increase my target to 100 miles in the hope of attracting more sponsorship. I have now swum over 88 miles and expect to complete the 100 mile by the end of August. While the Julian Centre has been closed, this has been my way of raising money that can be used to support the development of the Julian Partnership.

If you would like to sponsor my 100 mile swim money can be paid direct to 'Friends of Julian in three ways:

- PayPal using: shop@friendsofjulian.org
- Emailing the Treasurer for bank details for direct bank transfer: treasurer@julianofnorwich.org
- Cheques made payable to: 'Friends of Julian' and sent to the Julian Centre.

Please mark your donation:

Sponsored Swim. Thank you.



NEW WEBSITE

HOWARD GREEN, SECRETARY

We're so grateful to the many people that have been contributing news and reflections to share from our new website.

The arrival of a pandemic made many of us remember that Julian lived through the Black Death. The arrival of stay-at-home guidance made many look to Julian's call to the life of a solitary for inspiration. Thank you, all of you, who contacted us with material.

If you haven't seen it, do have a look at our new julianofnorwich.org. The architecture of our old site was not keeping up with the developments across the internet. We had a heart-stopping moment some months ago when it transpired that a bot had wheedled its way into the old website and was creating fictitious new 'Friends'. Amongst a considerable number of other behind-the-scene improvements, we now have the security built in to stop this sort of thing happening again.

We have been so blessed with one of our number, the Trustee Peter Colback - from Jersey, who has led us strategically and technically onto the new platform. As with any new venture, though, there are wrinkles to iron out. Please don't hesitate to send us your views and suggestions for improvement.

We look forward to continuing to develop our offering in the months and years to come.



THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Annual General Meeting on MS Teams Live Stream on Saturday, 12th September



This is a notice to invite you to a new-style Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Julian.

We've learned so much about the new opportunities (as well as new frustrations, sometimes!) afforded us by meeting virtually, we've taken the decision to offer you this year an hour and a half of readings from Julian, reflection, quiet ... and the official business of the Friends (the accounts, annual report, questions and discussion, etc.) tucked in the middle! It's our chance to hear from you about what you'd like to see the Board of Trustees doing for Julian in the coming year.

Our new website tells us where our visitors are looking at us from and we've learned that, after the UK Friends, the greatest amount of interest comes from North America. On this occasion, then (with apologies particularly to our antipodean Friends), the AGM will be held at:

- 7.30pm-9.00pm British Summer Time**
- 2.30pm-4.00pm USA Eastern Daylight Time**
- 11.30am-1.00pm USA Pacific Daylight Time**
- 6.30am-8.00am New Zealand**
- 4.30am-6.00am Australia east**
- 2.30am-4.00am Australia west**

Do please consider attending if the time suits you!

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Report May 2019 – May 2020

1. The Objects of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

The Charity's objects are to advance the education of the public in the Shrine of the Lady Julian of Norwich and to advance religion by promoting and furthering the work of the Shrine of the Lady Julian of Norwich.

2. Membership, March 2020

Sadly, we hear news of the death of some of our Friends, but happily we continue to be joined by new ones. These come from all the continents (except the polar one!) – from Argentina, South Africa, Spain, Australia, the Philippines, and the USA. If Friends from any country or region want us to facilitate contact with each other (as we have done with a handful of German Friends) we have found a way of doing this which doesn't breach the Data Protection Act! Do just contact us and ask.

3. Trustees & Executive Committee

Rev Richard Stanton – Parish Priest in charge of St Julian's Church
Shirley Buxton CJN
Peter Colback
Rev Canon Peter Doll
Howard Green (Secretary)
Sally-Anne Lomas (Chair)
Felicity Maton (co-opted)
Lesley Mitchell (co-opted)
Fred Thompson CJN
Canon Hilary Wakeman

In accordance with our Constitution two members of the Board of Trustees retire each year but can be willing to stand again for election.

The Friends of Julian have space for two new Trustees.

Please consider joining us! – wherever you are in the world.

We are very grateful to Rev. Peter Doll who has represented Norwich Cathedral on our Board for many years. Because Norwich Cathedral is a key partner in the new Julian of Norwich Partnership (see article elsewhere) and because Peter is an obvious choice to sit on the board of that new organisation (alongside the Friends), it's most appropriate that he focuses his input into the partnership.

We are equally grateful to Rev. Hilary Wakeman, who has brought to the Friends her unique perspective as a founding figure in the Julian Meetings (thejulianmeetings.net). Julian Meetings foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer and meditation in the Christian tradition around the world. Hilary has not been well recently and we wish her well as she steps back from some of her responsibilities.

When we were thinking about the significant, new opportunities coming our way, in both the Julian of Norwich Partnership, with the inauguration of our new Social Media Strategy, and with Microsoft Teams to assist our communication, we felt the Friends would benefit from new trustees with a

passion for Julian, with senior experience of inter-agency working, and with an understanding of the world of social media. We already have one Trustee in Jersey and know that remote trusteeship can work well.

We also noted that the current board is predominantly Church of England, white, in the second half of life, and based around Norwich; we think it would be a good thing if we could diversify these characteristics!

If you wish to find out a little more about this, do contact

howard.green@julianofnorwich.org, Secretary to the Friends by Tuesday 1 September, for a copy of the Friends' Constitution, and for a chat about how becoming a trustee could work for you.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting



SATURDAY 11 MAY 2019

St Julian's Church

Present: 33 Members.

1. Greeting and Apologies

Shirley Buxton, Chairman of the Trustees, thanked everyone for coming and opened the AGM with a prayer and silence. Apologies were received from Peter Colback Trustee, Peter Doll Trustee, Gill Garrod CJN, Brian Halsey, Nina Johnson CJN, Sister Pamela CAH, Jennifer Salisbury, Ulla Simmons CJN, Chris Styles, CJN, Sheila Upjohn, Alan Watson, Muriel Wilson, CJN.

Sister Pamela and Father Christopher Wood have asked Father Richard to pass on their special good wishes to the Friends in this meeting.

2. Minutes of last AGM (May 2018)

Brian Thorne proposed and Fred Thompson seconded that the Minutes be approved. They were unanimously approved.

3. Matters Arising None.

4. To Receive and Consider the Accounts for the Year Ending 31 December 2018:

Jenni Hancock is our Treasurer. The figures in the newsletter were pre-examination. Upon examination, two figures have been updated: Jenni pointed out that there will be c. £1k more income due to Gift Aid that is being claimed from previous years.

The year was unusual in containing a bequest of c. £60k from Canon Michael McLean which leaves us in a very healthy position. The Trustees decided not to allow it to be used for ongoing expenditure. We have moved £75k (the bequest and other surpluses) into a designated 'Vision Fund' for plans for the future, and put it into a higher-interest-earning account.

Thanks was given to Jenni for all the work she has done.

The accounts have now been examined formally by Nick Fudge. Approving the accounts was proposed by Andrew Thompson, seconded by Ron Ingamells, and were unanimously approved.

5. The Examiner

Sally-Anne Lomas proposed, Father Luke Penkett, CJN seconded, and everyone agreed to re-appoint Nick Fudge to externally examine our accounts.

6. To Receive and Consider the Trustees' Report

The Report was sent out within the Easter Newsletter. In addition, Shirley mentioned that it has been a good year. "But we do need more volunteers, please!" Although there are about 20 volunteers both in the Centre and behind the scenes, we have had significant illness amongst them, some short trips away, and some long stays in hospital. Shirley paid tribute to all the volunteers who keep the welcome so consistent and of such a high quality. Shirley paid tribute to all the Trustees for their support and particularly to Felicity who stood in as Vice Chair during a long spell of absence.

A very warm, special welcome was given to the new interim Rector of the Church, Rev. Richard Stanton. The Trustees' annual report was unanimously accepted.

7. Change to the constitution

The meeting was asked to consider a change to the constitution of the Friends of Julian to enable us to take advantage of the benefits of internet banking whilst, at the same time, keep close governance of our charitable funds. The addition to the constitution was presented in a separate paper to attendees of the meeting. The change was proposed by Liz Thomas, seconded by Rev. Stephen Hoffman CAH and unanimously approved.

Howard Green will issue a new version of the constitution to Companies House.

8. Election of Trustees

- No nominations for new Trustees were received.
- Shirley Buxton, Peter Colback and Peter Doll offered themselves for re-election as the longest-serving Trustees and in accordance with the constitution. Gill Butterworth, CJN proposed, Glenis Lewis CJN seconded, and all were approved, for re-election.

Father Richard Stanton kindly accepted his ex-officio post on the Trustees. All were unanimously approved by the meeting. The position of the Trustees is now as follows:

NAME	STATUS	SENIORITY IN YRS
1. Rev Richard Stanton	Priest in Charge of St Julian's Church	Ex Officio
2. A member of the	Community of All Hallows	Ex Officio
3. Mrs Shirley Buxton	1 Elected	0
4. Peter Colback	2 Elected	0
5. Rev Peter Doll	3 Elected	0
6. Mr Howard Green	4 Elected	1
7. Mrs Sally-Anne Lomas	5 Elected	1
8. Felicity Maton	Co-opted	Co-opted
9. Fred Thomas, CJN	6 Elected	1
10. Canon Hilary Wakeman	7 Elected	1

9. Other Business

9.1 Thanks. Gillian Butterworth, CJN proffered many thanks and warm appreciation for the Volunteers and Trustees who have kept the Julian Centre a place of such consistent welcome six days a week, and also to the Trustees and the Secretary to the Trustees who have worked on the Friends' behalf. These were unanimously endorsed by the meeting.

9.2 The heating for the Church.

c. £30k of expenditure has been identified from the quinquennial inspection of the Church fabric over the coming years in addition to the internal ladder access that needs to be made to access the heating system for repair. Friends and Companions are asked to consider supporting with the cost of keeping the Church and Cell open to visitors.

9.3 Support in publicity for Julian-related events.

The meeting was reminded that the Trustees have agreed to give Friends and Companions the services of our designer and printer for any events they wish to promote where they live that promoted Julian where they live.

The meeting closed with prayer.

AGM of the Friends of Julian, Saturday 12 September 2020 MS TEAMS LIVE STREAM

AGENDA

1. Apologies 2. Minutes of last AGM 3. Matters arising 4. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019, together with the Trustees' Annual Report 5. To elect members of the Board of Trustees 6. AOB. Notification of any further topics to the Secretary by 1 September 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JENNI HANCOCK

I am very pleased to report that the Friends of Julian of Norwich have maintained a healthy financial position during 2019, culminating in a robust surplus (figures opposite).

Following the extremely generous legacy gift in 2018, a separate bank account has been opened with Nationwide Building Society. This is home to £85,000 of the charity's funds, with the majority being designated to the Vision Fund (currently £73,250) and the remainder from the General Fund. The benefit of opening this account is two-fold; as well as earning some interest, by spreading funds across different banks we ensure that all cash assets are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (which

protects up to £85,000 per institution).

Discounting the legacy, income from sales and donations increased – thanks to the generosity of our supporters and hard work of our volunteers both online and in the Julian Centre.

The charity received a generous grant from Rebecca Hussey's Book Charity of £1,800 worth of books for the Reference Library. As this was not a cash grant, it is not shown in the figures below, but will be incorporated into the full accounts. In addition, we have invested a further £2,200 to the Reference Library. This expenditure, together with costs associated with several events held during the year, account for much of the increase in Charitable activities expenses.

The increase in running expenses is largely due to continued investment in upgrading the charity's website and computer systems. Work on this is due to be completed imminently.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME	2019	2018
Friends' subscriptions, donations, Companions' gifts	£16,524.35	£13,660.35
Legacy gift	£91.21	£63,687.80
Conference, Courses & Festival	£2,291.95	£1,297.92
Bank Interest	£327.48	£4.94
Sales	£32,729.09	£28,062.69
Bookstall	£1,603.09	£1,196.73
Miscellaneous income	£50.00	£378.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£53,617.24	£108,298.93
EXPENDITURE	2019	2018
Purchase of Stock	£14,689.46	£19,832.73
Credit Card, ebay & Paypal charges	£1,506.91	£1,361.36
Other expenses (eg promotion, postage)	£472.93	£845.77
Charitable activities (eg newsletter, festival)	£7,080.28	£3,530.10
Running Expenses (eg utilities, website, centre maintenance)	£21,398.84	£13,557.98
TOTAL EXPENSES	£45,148.42	£39,127.94
SURPLUS for the year	£8,468.82	£69,170.99

COMPANIONS' UPDATE

FR BRUCE BATSTONE CJN
(COMPANIONS COORDINATOR)



This year, which has been strange in so many ways, has brought many challenges and opportunities.

Some Companions have revelled in the slower pace of life, and the greater scope of introversion that the lockdown offered. Others will have struggled with isolation, loneliness and fear. With intercession being a core aspect of our life, perhaps all we can do is rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

We are a communion who feel called to the 'solitary way' in some form under the patronage and inspiration of Julian. Currently we have four aspirants, who are discerning the way to companionship, accompanied by an established Companion, and if they are admitted, will bring the international ensemble to 37 spread across four continents.

It was a particular joy to receive Andrew Norman as a Companion, second time around. Andrew was one of the earliest Companions, and left us for a while. He described his reception in Eastertide as something of a coming home.

If you want more information about this way of life please contact us via the Friends of Julian website: julianofnorwich.org

'Wait in stillness upon God : be strong and he shall comfort your heart'



Archangel Michael and St George on St Julian's font.



An angel bearing a thurible on the reredos at St Julian's.



Part of the reredos behind the high altar of St Julian's.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

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THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Receipts for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	2019 Unrestricted	2019 Designated	2019 Total	2018
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Donations:				
Membership Subscriptions	5,317	0	5,317	5,403
Companions Donations	4,845	0	4,845	2,565
Other Donations	5,429	0	5,429	5,693
Legacies	91	0	91	63,698
	15,682	0	15,682	77,359
Operating Activities to further Charity's Objects:				
Sales	32,729	0	32,729	28,063
Bookstall	1,603	0	1,603	1,197
	34,332	0	34,332	29,260
Other Receipts				
Unspecified income, Course Fees & Festival	50	0	50	379
Conferences and Festival	2,292	0	2,292	1,298
Tax refundable on Gift Aid (estimate)	934	0	934	1,000
	3,276	0	3,276	2,677
Investment Income:				
Bank Interest	80	248	328	5
Grants				
Grant funding	1,800	0	1,800	0
Total Receipts	55,170	248	55,418	109,301
Total Payments (page 2)	(40,897)	(2,000)	(42,897)	(39,230)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	14,273	(1,752)	12,521	70,071

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Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	2019 Unrestricted	2019 Deignated	2019 Total	2018
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Payments				
Purchase of Stock	14,689	0	14,689	19,833
Credit Card and Paypal charges	1,507	0	1,507	1,361
Provisions and Domestic Expenses	409	0	409	624
Furtheringthe Shrine of St Julian	0	0	0	0
	16,605	0	16,605	21,818
Management & Administration				
Equipment	727	0	727	464
Insurance	1,109	0	1,109	1,155
Electricity	1,103	0	1,103	812
Telephone and Internet	1,372	0	1,372	1,317
Postage	572	0	572	640
Maintenance of Computer Systems and Website Development	5,155	0	5,155	1,340
Computer Systems and Websute modernisation	2,564	0	2,564	2,000
Repairs and Maintenance	1,321	0	1,321	833
Printing and Stationery	3,032	0	3,032	2,319
Conference and Festival Expenses	3,098	0	3,098	1,956
Accountancy Fees	150	0	150	150
Bookkeeping Fees	1,843	0	1,843	1,852
Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,045	2,000	3,045	1,007
Trustees' travel	802	0	802	321
Rates & Water Rate	254	0	254	564
Advertising & promotion	145	0	145	582
Laptop computer written off	0	0	0	100
	24,292	2,000	26,292	17,412
Total Payments	40,897	2,000	42,897	39,230

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2019

	2019 Unrestricted	2019 Designated	2019 Total	2018
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank Balances				
Nat West Current	9,514	0	9,514	99,034
Barclays	12,858	0	12,858	7,752
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	1,007	0	1,007	999
Paypal	1,491	0	1,491	439
Nationwide Business Saver	11,752	73,248	85,000	0
	36,622	73,248	109,870	108,224
Other Monetary assets				
Tax refundable on Gift Aid (estimate)	500	0	500	1,000
Stock Value as 31.12.2019 as Cost	23,195	0	23,195	15,378
	23,695	0	23,695	16,378
Investment Assets				
ISBN registration fee	48		48	48
Valuation of Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use				
Computer and other equipment	0	0	0	0
Furniture , fitting and fixtures	300	0	300	300
Reference Library books	4,052	0	4,052	0
	4,352	0	4,352	300
Plus Debtors note 1	49	0	49	177
Less Creditors note 2	1,702	0	1,702	1,337
Total Net Assets	63,064	73,248	136,312 #	123,790

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Note to The Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2019

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Note 1				
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Centre Sales	18	0	18	31
Membership	4	0	4	25
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eBay charges	54	0	54	59
Accountancy	150	0	150	150
Trade Creditors	659	0	659	410
Book keeper	110	0	110	297
Trustee' travel expenses	293	0	293	321.00
Donation due to church	0	0	0	100
Postage	100	0	100	0
Provisions	36	0	36	0
Volunteer (miscellaneous expenses)	300	0	300	0
	1,702	0	1,702	1,337

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Approved by the Friends of Julian of Norwich at the AGM on _____, and signed by:

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Respective Responsibilities of Officers and Examiner

The Charity's Officers are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The Charity's Officers consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the Accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Officers concerning any such matters.

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THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Receipts for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	2019 Unrestricted	2019 Designated	2019 Total	2018
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Donations:				
Membership Subscriptions	5,317	0	5,317	5,403
Companions Donations	4,845	0	4,845	2,565
Other Donations	5,429	0	5,429	5,693
Legacies	91	0	91	63,698
	15,682	0	15,682	77,359
Operating Activities to further Charity's Objects:				
Sales	32,729	0	32,729	28,063
Bookstall	1,603	0	1,603	1,197
	34,332	0	34,332	29,260
Other Receipts				
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