

THE SOCIETY OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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John M Barrie, Chairman of Council

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Dear Member,

This year the Summer Reception will be replaced by a Reception to welcome Archbishop Vincent Nichols, the newly installed Archbishop of Westminister, into his new Diocese. The reception will be held on 24 June. Further details are given overleaf. I urge members to support this event in great numbers and meet the new Archbishop.

Despite the worst snowfall in London since 1991, members who attended the annual reception held in February enjoyed a convivial evening and said farewell to HE Cormac Murphy-O'Connor who announced that it was the last time he would attend. Those of you who were absent may like to know that, on behalf of the Society, I was able to present cheques to the value of £38,000 to His Eminence, an increase of £1,000 over the previous year.

In his final address to members HE Cormac thanked us most sincerely for the support both spiritual and financial given to him during his years as Archbishop of Westminister. He did add that the lift in Archbishop's House was old, had become unreliable and in his view needed replacing. One of our members indicated that the replacement cost would be in the order of £100,000.

Members who have not visited the Cathedral recently may like to know that the emergency repairs have been completed although the Appeal Fund to meet the cost is still open.

Once again I would remind you of the need to maintain our membership base and urge you to recruit more members, preferably younger ones. Why not start with members of your family? Those of you who are in the lower quartile in terms of age are encouraged to recruit from among your friends. This is necessary not only to generate additional funds now but looking ahead for the next generation too.

(Newsletter continues overleaf)

If you have any questions about the Society you may contact the Chairman at the address set out above or Michael Milbourn, Hon. Secretary, at the address below:

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The Council

The following serve as officers and Council members:

His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk - President

John M Barrie - Chairman of Council

Michael Milbourn - Hon. Secretary

Paul Williams - Hon. Treasurer

Peter A Bernard; Peter de V B Dewar; Mary M Edwards; Michael Henderson; Michael MacLoughlin; Mary J Maxwell; Stephen J Powell; Robert Rigby

2008 Visit to Canterbury

Mary Edwards organized a visit to Canterbury on Saturday 14 June, 2008 including a guided tour of the cathedral, Mass in the crypt and lunch in Cathedral Lodge. The trip was well received and we may repeat the event in another year.

2009 AGM and Reception

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ended 30 September, 2008 showing total income of £56,117 (*previous year* £71,709), charitable contributions of £36,200 (£34,650) and operating costs of £2,372 (£2,427). The previous year's income had benefited from a legacy of £33,780. Year-end funds totalled £437,055 (£487,211) reflecting a £67,701 decline in the value of investments. Copies of the accounts are available from the Secretary.

At the reception after the business of the meeting was concluded, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connorn thanked members for the support with which they had provided him during his term in office.

Reception for the new Archbishop

This will be held in the Throne Room of Archbishop's House at 6.30pm on 24 June 2009, following 5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral for the intention of members. The reception will be open to members and their guests and there will be a charge of £25 per head. As we expect strong interest and numbers will be limited, tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. So please apply, using the enclosed application form, as soon as possible.

Membership

Since publication of the last newsletter we have welcomed 17 new members:

HE Anthony Bailey

Mr Richard Collyer-Hamlin

Mr Hugh and Mrs Anne Doyle

Fra Matthew Festing

Mr John Hardman

Mr David and Mrs Nora Hirst

Mr Dominic Jacobs

Mr John McCaffrey

Mr James Moir

Rev Edward Rider

Mr Tony and Mrs Maggie Smith

Mr Brian and Mrs Valerie Towler

Mrs Pauline Williams

This is a 70% increase over the number of new members enrolled in the previous year. Please keep up the good work!

We request your prayers for the repose of the souls of members whose deaths have been reported to us:

Miss Mary Aldous

Mrs RH Benson

Mr FAA van den Berg

Mr CM Bussy

Mr GC Butcher

Mr Peter Conrath

Mr JC Davies

Mr Tony Deus

Mr HT Fattorini

Mrs AM Prendergast

Mr KC Rosenvinge

Miss Teresa Weld-Blundell

Mrs PA Wurr

With all good wishes,

John M Barrie

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WELCOMING RECEPTION FOR ARCHBISHOP VINCENT NICHOLLS

THE THRONE ROOM, ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE, AMBROSDEN AVENUE, LONDON SW1 1QJ

Wednesday, 24 June 2009, COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM

TICKET APPLICATION FORM

- A I WISH TO APPLY FOR TICKETS AT £25 EACH
- B I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF £, PAYABLE TO "THE SOCIETY OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY"
- C I ALSO ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE SO THAT THE TICKETS CAN BE SENT TO ME
- D I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND ARE BEING ISSUED STRICTLY ON A FIRST COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS TO MEMBERS MAKING A COMPLETE APPLICATION
- E IF MY APPLICATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL

Please return my cheque in the enclosed envelope
OR

DELETE

Please accept my cheque as a donation

AS APPROPRIATE

NAME OF MEMBER

NAMES OF GUESTS

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NOTE NAMES ARE REQUIRED FOR ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE SECURITY PURPOSES

DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SENT ONLY TO

PETER BERNARD, SSAC, 30 RED LANE, CLAYGATE, ESHER, KT10 0ES

TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 17 June, 2009