



Notable mentions for the year 2017 - 2018 include:

1. The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral launch at a Festal Evensong on May 28, 2017.
2. Friends of Christ Church Cathedral Coordinating Committee in 2017-2018 comprised:

The Very Rev'd M. Ansley Tucker (Dean), Bill Taylor (Co-Chair), Malcolm Read (Co-Chair), David Collins, Maureen Piercey, Elaine Ellison, Gordon Wheatley, Catherine Allen, Ron Cox, Brian Josling & Wayne Stewart.
3. Memberships in excess of 100 individuals – with almost 30% non-parishioners.
4. Published an article in the Diocesan Post (The Rev'd Ed Lewis).
5. Worked in partnership with the Visual Arts Group
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 - a. held a preview Evening to launch the Art Treasures Exhibition and Sale in the Fall 2017
 - b. created notecards from original paintings of the Cathedral by Edward Goodall (for sale in the deanery).
6. Worked in partnership with the Music Committee to offer reserved / priority seating for music events at the Cathedral.
7. Facilitated a "Get to Know Your Cathedral" event, that included tours of the organ loft and bell tower, David and Canon Mary Barlow in interview with Ian Alexander, and an opportunity to peruse archived documents and photographs.
8. Created a committee to coordinate a project to renew and beautify the **South Lawn** area.
 - a. South Lawn Project Committee consisted of Wayne Stewart, Maureen Piercey, Ron Cox, Brian Josling & Malcolm Read.
 - b. Created a conceptual design for the renewal and a plan to work in partnership with members of Friends and members of the broader community to engage them in the project.
 - c. With the support of Dean & Wardens, received a grant from the Diocesan Vision Fund

- d. Received financial support from Christ Church Cathedral Buildings.
- e. With the assistance of Doug Bowen, opened dialogue with Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations, with a view to working in partnership on the project.
- f. Created working relationships with several community resources and services including the City of Victoria, BC Parks and Recreation, Victoria Foundation, members of Finance and Development industries.
- g. Invited the school to participate in the project, with a particular focus on banners and on planting.
- h. Applied for all relevant City and Heritage permits to undertake the work as planned.

Plans for 2018-2019 include:

- 1. Continue to build membership in the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral
- 2. Continue to work with the Music Committee to offer Friends' seating benefits.
- 3. Continue to work with the Visual Arts Group to support an art project in the Fall.
- 4. Hold a series of "Get to know your Cathedral" events – with foci on various aspects of the building and community – including, Stained Glass Windows, Furnishings, Vestments and other Apparel and Stories of the Cathedral.
- 5. Send electronic newsletters to Friends.
- 6. Continue with the South Lawn project. The anticipated start date is Fall 2018. The project will proceed in discrete and overlapping phases and may take 18 months to complete.
- 7. Follow-up on ideas suggested by members of the Friends.

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