

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Friends of St John the Baptist Norwich
on 23rd October 2022.

	Name
In attendance	Bishop Alan
	Jonathan Ellis Chair and Mrs Angela Ellis
	Father Alan
	Sally Pearson
	Brian Dowler Treasurer and Mrs Brigid Dowler
	Ellen Pitt
	Brian Lewis and Mrs Jo Lewis
	Judi Lincoln Secretary
	Douglas Lewins
	Vaughan and Vivien Thomas
	Christine Taylor
	Geoffrey Sword
	Plus 11 'non' Friends
Apologies	Tim Fox
<p>1. Welcome and Opening Address Bishop Alan thanked Jonathan Ellis, Chair and all the Friends for their work. Jonathan thanked Bishop Alan for his support, guidance and spiritual leadership. Apologies for absence noted.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the last Meeting approved.</p>	
<p>3. Appointments and retirements Jonathan welcomed Father Alan and expressed thanks and goodbye for their contribution to Bishop Alan and Brian Lewis.</p>	
<p>4. Approval of Accounts to year ending 31st March 2021 Brian Dowler presented his report and noted the increase in subscriptions; Brian commented on the variations in Gift Aid due to timings and membership types. He noted 2 legacies totalling £7k. Since the accounts were prepared, in the new accounting year, £12,310 was spent on the Altar of the Chapel of the Precious Blood and £10,000 for the new mobile organ. As at 06.10.22 the current balance is £14,083. The Chrism mass collection raised £762. The Accounts were approved and Brian was thanked for all his work.</p>	
<p>5. Chairs Report. Jonathan commented on the rise in membership and the 2 enhancements noted above and noted that Daniel Justin had sourced the new organ at a bargain price. Moving forward he said The Friends want to increase the number of members and to improve the engagement with the parishes in the Diocese; the goal is to have a liaison contact from each of the parishes. He noted the recent concert and opportunities to put on social events. Bishop Alan thanked the Friends for the beautification of the Cathedral and recounted how the top of the old high Altar, now in the Precious Chapel of Blood, was discovered when digging for the new carpark having been buried there previously by a Priest! He said the new Bishop will love the Cathedral.</p>	
<p>6. AOB An attendee suggested the Friends keep history of the work that is done with pictures which could be published in a book. Jonathan said photos will be added to the website. In answer to a question Jonathan confirmed there are currently 189 members. Bishop Alan pointed out the need to promote Legacy giving (Tax Free).</p>	
Meeting closed.	