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Dear Friends,

Welcome to this Spring Newsletter.

**A message from Father Alan** – You are warmly invited to a special talk about the Cathedral Stained Glass Windows. This is a free event for Friends and will be delivered by the Heritage Officer Dr Richard Maguire on Saturday 13th April 2024. The talk will start at 11am. There will be a one hour break for lunch and we will resume at 1pm and finish at 2pm. The Narthex café and Macs Bar will be open to buy refreshments. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible! Others will be welcome and will be encouraged to make a modest donation.

**A message from Jonathan Ellis (Chair)** - In recent years, the Friends have funded the refurbishment of the Chapel of the Precious Blood, bought both a portable organ and a magnificent new cope. At the moment we are considering what works might need doing on the rood beam and crucifix, but - given the proximity of some essential roofing works - the timing is not appropriate.

Norwich is blessed in having two magnificent cathedrals. Tower tours are due to resume and you can always be assured of a warm welcome at the Narthex Cafe. Do please find time to come and see the Cathedral when next you are in Norwich. As an architectural gem it is worth a detour and a few minutes quiet contemplation will just add to the experience.

Anyone interested in supporting and or helping the Friends should contact Judi our volunteer secretary via [Friends@sjbcathedral.org.uk](mailto:Friends@sjbcathedral.org.uk)

Be you pilgrim, parishioner or tourist, you will always be welcome (as will your support).

**A message from Brian Dowler (Treasurer).** At last year's AGM I reported total Bank Balances stood at £15,289 @ 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. With a month still to go for this year, the figure now stands at £18,819, with our only major expenditure being the £2,100 cost of the new Cope, Humeral Veil & Stole.

**SAVE THE DATES!** The Chrism Mass is on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am. The Friends Annual Mass and BBQ is on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.

**PLEASE HELP US BE COST EFFICIENT! IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE SEND IT WITH YOUR NAME TO:**

**[Friends@sjbcathedral.org.uk](mailto:Friends@sjbcathedral.org.uk). Communicating with you via email will save money! THANK YOU!**

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