

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



The Guild of St Edmund

Annual Report



Reports

The following reports give an overview of the many activities carried out by volunteers at the Cathedral in 2022. All volunteers are part of the Guild of St Edmund, which has over 300 active volunteers. Without the dedication, loyalty and support of this team of volunteers the Cathedral would not be able to fulfil its ministry. This Annual report is a testament to the importance of volunteering and we give thanks for each volunteer.

Sarah Friswell, Visitor Experience Manager

Ancient Library *Stephen Dart*

This has been a bumper year for visits to the Ancient Library. 150 members of the public came on the Heritage Open Days in September; a party of 14 from the University of Suffolk visited in June and there were a further 63 individual visits. In addition members of the Suffolk Institute for Archaeology and History and our own Cathedral Guides visited the library as part of workshops when individuals were able to handle ten robust volumes and do some 'detective work'. I also gave an on-line talk for the January meeting of the Bury Past and Present Society.

We were delighted that Professor Rod Thomson was able to complete his survey of our manuscript pastedowns when he visited for the Pembroke Manuscript Exhibition. He found two rare fragments, one from a late 12th century bilingual psalter and the other from an Irish version of a 15th century medical work. Both have now been published.

An article on Vicky West's conservation of our Peter Baro volume appeared in the newsletter of the Cathedral Archives, Libraries & Collections Association, and Vicky visited in August to provide estimates for the conservation of further books. I attended a very useful course in Oxford on all aspects of cataloguing, conserving and promoting early printed books.

The Ancient Library webpage has been further updated and now includes a list of our more modern reference books as well as the historic collection.

The Treasury exhibition of Pembroke's Bury Manuscripts was followed by 'The Legacy of the Abbey', which displayed library books dating from before the Dissolution and those illustrating the buildings that remain, The final exhibition of the year, 'Angels in Print', complemented the Cathedral's theme for Christmas.

Society of Norman Tower Berringers *Joan Garrett*

In 2022 we welcomed 3 new ringers to the team and there are currently 23 active members.

Following on from the pandemic bellringing at the Norman Tower is now back in full action. We ring from 9.30 - 10.30 am for Sunday morning service and from 2.00 - 3.30 pm twice a month for Sunday afternoon services. In addition, we practice on Thursday evenings from 7.15 to 9.00 pm.

Special ringing events were organised to mark the 70th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession and to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

However, in September following the Queens death we rang the bells half muffled on the day of her death and prior to the state funeral on 19 September. The bells were rung "open" for the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III.

In total 27 quarter peals and 6 peals were rung in the year, not just marking the special occasions already mentioned, but also remembering one of our own ringers, Marion Holland who died in February. We marked the licensing of lay ministers, St Georges Day, VE Day, Suffolk Day, Climate Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, Holocaust Day, and the culmination of the Abbey 1000 celebrations.

A National 12 bell striking competition started in 1975, and as a 'new' 12 bell tower we were pleased to host the eliminator round in March 2022 (postponed from the original date in March 2020). Seven teams, each of 12 ringers, and all their supporters, gathered in the Cathedral in the morning, welcomed by Canon Philip, and throughout the day each team rang their test piece. The Dean joined us to hear the results and enjoy the refreshments provided by CAMRA. We were extremely grateful to all

the cathedral staff who helped with the organisation and enabled us to host a very successful event.

Chaplains *Georgina Pinches*

It's been an interesting year for the chaplains as we extended the duty months to December and after a two month break recommenced in March. This obviously included the run up to Christmas and Easter. It was good to be on duty during these times as we were available for those who particularly wanted to visit a place of worship but may not visit a church at other times. We also covered the beer festival and the Christmas market which was very enjoyable and good conversations were had.

In order to cover the extended duties we have had a recruitment drive. We now have 26 names on our books and a lively bunch we are too! All shapes and sizes but all keen to loiter with intent for a few hours and hopefully to be in the right place at the right time should we be needed. Onwards and upwards as ever!

Event Stewards *James Stark*

I had the great surprise of having too many stewards for a concert back in March. The first time this has happened since I took over events. I think this just shows the dedication that the group has (or just to see a concert for free!). Always willing to step in and provide excellent care for the many people who attend concerts and events. All have a great knowledge and understanding for each concert that we put on here. They provide me with great support, whether it's with seating or with stacking those lovely chairs at the end of the concert when we all want to go home! Too many names to name, but just to remind you all that you're a credit to the Cathedral. I try and put on an array of different performances, in an attempt to get new faces through the doors. The stewards have welcomed this (even if the performances aren't their cups of tea!).

Flowers *Sue Cockram*

The Cathedral Flower Arrangers are enjoying arranging again in our

beautiful Cathedral and being able to welcome back our Parish arrangers. If you would like flowers arranged for any special occasions, anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, or christenings, do please get in touch.

"Through the Centuries" the postponed Flower Exhibition went ahead in June last year and was highly successful with many visitors. The arrangements depicted important events that happened at the Abbey during the last 1000 years – many interesting and colourful exhibits.

My thanks go to the flower arrangers, both from the Cathedral and Parish representatives and our faithful waterers.

Fun, Flowers, and Friendship is the motto of flower arrangers, and we exercise that to the full, adorning our beautiful building, having fun, and making friends! We always need plenty of help and would love to welcome anyone who would like to join us. Do please get in touch with me (01284-766688 email sue@cockram.net)

Forum *Louise Martin*

The Cathedral Forum currently meets four times a year to discuss issues, hear updates and provide feedback on various matters regarding the life of the Cathedral. A list of members is displayed on the Cathedral community notice-board in the cloisters and the Forum page of the Cathedral website. There are currently 13 elected members who are on the church electoral roll. Forum may co-opt upto eight additional member. Cathedral Chapter members, lay readers, retired clergy and all church wardens may attend as ex-officio members.

At all Forum meetings Dean Joe Hawes or members of Cathedral staff provide updates on the Cathedral Master Plan based on the priorities Worship, Mission, Hospitality and Sustainability. Financial reports are also shared, with a chance for feedback and questions. In 2022 Forum started to look at how the changing Cathedral Constitution would affect Forum, in both its membership and its terms of reference.

In January 2022 Forum met and discussed some social action issues; the housing project for a vulnerable family (Hope into Action); dementia friendly Cathedral and the Yard project for young people. The launch of

the chairs appeal and the building application for the Deanery were also on the agenda with a chance for feedback. In June the membership of Forum was re-affirmed (following the May APCM) and Kate Vernon gave a presentation on Hope into Action and the progress with Grace House. Dean Joe and Canon Matthew Vernon led a lively and open debate on developing Cathedral Culture. Sarah-Jane Allison as Chief Operating Officer led a discussion on the Cathedral Governance changes and the future role of Forum. In September Forum welcomed Canon Jutta Brueck who shared her experiences on living the Benedictine life and all members were invited to discuss how the Cathedral could live the Benedictine ethos of stability, mutual listening and conversion of Life. A draft survey on Cathedral culture was shared for comments and volunteers selected to help with wording the questions. Finally in November 2022 Forum followed up on the various issues raised throughout the year, on the Benedictine Cathedral ethos and developing Cathedral Culture. Canon Matthew and Chris Andrews led an open discussion on the role of Forum and representation. All minutes from these and previous Forum meetings are available on the Forum webpage and observers are always welcome at any Forum meeting.

Cathedral Gardeners *Robert Bourne*

The Cathedral Gardeners have continued to meet almost weekly throughout the year (and were not rained off on a single occasion). Sadly, Margaret Ellis has recently retired from the team. With her great horticultural expertise, she has made an invaluable contribution to the maintenance of the gardens, and especially the Pilgrims' Herb Garden, over many years. Sandra Nunn joined the team in 2022. Also during the year, the Abbey Gardens manager left and her deputy retired: good relations have been established with the new management team. The drought conditions of the summer of 2022 caused, or may have contributed to, a number of problems. There was concern about the Judas tree in the centre of the upper Remembrance Garden lawn, which had been given in memory of Dean Neil Collings. Parts of the tree had died, but happily the decision was taken to retain it and prune the dead

wood, following which the tree has blossomed vigorously this spring. The lower Remembrance Garden lawn was also left in a poor state. It has now been reseeded and the new grass is slowly establishing itself. On the positive side, the planters introduced the previous year have continued to flourish, and new labelling of the herbs in the Herb Garden is gradually being introduced. At Edmuntide, Bishop Martin planted in the Remembrance Garden a holm oak grown by him as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project, in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. The Cathedral Gardeners were delighted at the award in 2022 of a Bury in Bloom Certificate of Merit to the Gardens.

Guild of St Edmund *Louise Martin, Chair*

The Guild of St Edmund, which supports all volunteers in the Cathedral, has two annual meetings, an AGM in early summer and an Edmuntide meeting in November. The Guild Committee, with representatives of the various groups, additionally meets three times a year. In January we met via zoom and were happy to confirm that the Adult members of the various Cathedrals Choirs and the Youth Choir had been invited to be members of the Guild. We received updates on the new Cathedral Measure, new staff appointments for Patrons and information about the launch of the Chair Appeal. The Cathedral Masterplan implementation highlighted areas of development for volunteers and we learned about the new visitor survey being carried out. Updates were also provided on the new database ChurchSuite and its capabilities. Jo Dean, who was leaving her role with Sarah Friswell, was thanked for her help in the necessary database migration. Plans for the delayed Abbey 1000 celebrations offered up new volunteering opportunities which were welcomed.

In May the Guild committee had an update on the chair appeal and a chance to view the Edmund Chair. New volunteers were reported in a number of areas and Safeguarding training was discussed which would be rolled out to all volunteers, both new and existing. The revision of the Long Service Awards had been discussed and a new policy issued with recognition for volunteers completing 5 or more years' service. The

results of the visitors survey were discussed including positive responses to the Cathedral Shop and TIP refit completed in March.

In September the Guild representatives looked at new lanyards being offered to the majority of visitor facing volunteers for a more cohesive look. The volunteers were thanked for their quick response to appeals for assistance with the Cathedral's arrangements following Queen Elizabeth's death. Further plans for the visitor survey to be rolled out in the winter were discussed and a National Survey supported by the Association of English Cathedrals would also be introduced. Training sessions on dementia awareness, safeguarding, the Benedictine Ethos and encouraging donations for Welcomers were also planned. Feedback on the AGM held in July was excellent especially highlighting Jane Dow's talk and visit to The Yard project. Plans for the forthcoming Edmundtide meeting included a lunchtime Eucharist and talk by Pat Murrell on the Great Churchyard, which was subsequently greatly appreciated by all in November.

Kagera Link *Valerie Moore*

There have been fewer visit between our Diocese and that of our Link Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania in the past three years. In 2022 at the time of the Lambeth Conference we were pleased to welcome to the Cathedral the Bishop of Kagera and two fellow Bishops whose Diocese had been part of the original Kagera Diocese. We hope to welcome the Principal of the Kagera Theological College in July.

Visits to Kagera are also planned. Kagera products will then be brought over which will enable stalls selling them to resume their original pattern. Please continue to pray for the people of Kagera as they pray for us.

Learning Hub *Kim Judge*

Creative describes 2022 for the team as under the wider remit for learning across the Cathedral we led or worked with other colleagues to deliver innovative events as well as continuing our core school programmes and our popular themed holiday family activities. During the

year we increased the number of our valuable volunteers to ten who helped with the various events.

The number of our school visits continued to increase following the difficulties of the last few years and for the manuscript exhibition we added tactile exhibits to enhance young people's experience as well as designing a specific school programme.

Holiday family activities produced a successful Teach Rex event with over 500 children and adults enjoying a dinosaur experience; a 'Fiesta' celebration and thinking about 'Heroism' which included finishing a banner being stitched for Edmuntide that was started at Your Cathedral @ Night. During this event families explored their artistic talent by textile painting and drawing on a graffiti wall. When the 100,000th brick was placed on the Lego model activities were created to celebrate this milestone and enjoyed by 80 children and their adults.

In Lent, a series exploring environmental themes was organised with guest speakers from different denominations. Topics included Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si and environmental activism. The Edmund Lecture by The Rt Hon David Gauke focused on the history of the Abbey in terms of the rule of law and its relevance today in national debates. For five weeks before Easter the adult participants in the Lenten Art workshop explored different aspects of spiritual practice and produced artwork using various media.

We designed a display for the flower festival and in response to the Queen's death established a prayer space, used by adults and young people. Over the Christmas period we asked people to write their hopes for 2023 and hang them on a multicolour tree.

Overall, this celebration of creativity connected us with around 2,500 children and adults.

LEGO *Sarah Friswell*

We were delighted to reach the half way point on the LEGO build in July 2022. This was marked with a special celebratory moment with volunteers, past and present, in attendance and the Dean placing the 100,000th brick, There was a lively LEGO activity morning for the

youngsters too. Building has carried on a-pace since then. The model has become a regular stopping point for families in the holidays months—some grandchildren being brought to add another brick every time they stay with their grandparents.

We spent some of 2022 building the Cathedral Centre, in order to leave the roof off the main Cathedral building as long as possible!

The team of volunteers is amazing, tackling often complex instructions and sometimes having to hunt for missing pieces in our 'spares' cupboard. Sales of LEGO cathedral and wolf models have also gone well.

The Mothers' Union *Jane Leung*

The Mothers Union had another successful year in 2022 and has increased membership to 35.

We welcomed five speakers to our meetings this year.

We were again involved in services such as Lady Day, Wave of Prayer, Sea Sunday, Mary Sumner Day, Remembering Together, Prison Sunday, World Day of Prayer. For Mothering Sunday we prepared and handed out 300 posies at the service.

We provided cakes and scones for Chapter 4 who meet about 4 times a year.

The Jams, marmalade and chutneys made by Pippa Jones are sold and the money is used to provide food for the local Food Bank.

In October we filled boxes with toiletries, knitted hats, chocolate, etc to be donated to an agreed charity, this year we donated to The Seafarers Mission at Felixstowe.

In January we opened up our monthly meeting for anyone to join us for tea and a chat.

In July Jane Leung kindly opened up her garden for a special Platinum Jubilee bring and share lunch and a topical quiz.

Our annual outing this year was to Columbine Hall which was well attended.

We have two representatives on the World Day of Prayer committee and until recently two representatives volunteering at Young Families as Lorna Brook has now stood down having helped for many years.

Members are very welcome to attend Scrabble/Knit & Natter mornings. We have just started a thriving craft group who make cushions and other items to sell where the donations will be given to a local charity.

Members can join Jane Leung for coffee & the 1pm Eucharist on the first Wednesday of every month.

Welcoming speakers from various organisations gives our members the opportunity to learn about their good causes and a chance to donate to them. This year we have heard about the Foundling Hospital, Wateraid, Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid, the Samaritans and a talk by Susan Knowles entitled "Home Sweet Home?"

Our main fundraiser, Strawberry Tea, took place from 8 – 11 June. Orders of scones and jam were delivered to homes in that week.

Servers Catherine Cox

The role of the Server is to serve God in the Holiest of places, carrying the processional cross and candles; being the Thurifer or Boat to raise our prayer purifying and sanctifying; presenting the gifts of the people for the Blessing; helping to prepare the Altar for Communion and clearing afterwards.

Being a server means being prayerful and ready to assist in a calm and spiritual way, a time both of real calm and high alert. Our servers span a wide age range and representation of the Cathedral family.

Over the course of the past year, we have served at a variety of services. As for many, honouring the life of our Late Queen was an important moment, as was serving at the Suffolk Coronation Service for King Charles. We have also served at special services to remember the lives of members of our own community and other special events that have occurred.

On a weekly basis the Servers assist at the Sunday 8am BCP; Sunday 9 am All Age Eucharist; Sunday 10.30 am Sung Eucharist and at 3.30 pm Sunday Evensong. This year we have also resumed serving at Saturday Evensongs and started serving at some midweek Evensongs. As the Team has revived and grown after COVID, we have also been able to complete the roles with a Boat to carry the incense for the thurifer.

Maybe you have never really noticed what the servers do. This is testimony to the quiet calm service offered by servers. Or maybe you have seen what happens but have not been sure if this is a volunteer role you would like to try. If this is the case, please do catch one of us to find out more about it; we'd love it if you would join us and try! We can offer mentor training (on the job, if you will!) or we are more than happy to do 1:1 training of the different roles. We begin as acolytes or Boat, which helps us to gain an understanding of the work that takes place in the Sanctuary.

In the words of Pope John Paul II, "The altar server has a privileged place in liturgical celebrations" but most importantly, they "are servants of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest."

Cathedral Shop and Tourist Information Point *Jane Harrison*

Since my last report the shop and TIP have undergone a complete refit which saw the old and mismatched furniture replaced with units fit for purpose. The lighting was updated making the whole space much brighter and new counters were installed with storage to hide the reams of bubble wrap and paper bags we get through, making serving customers much easier. All of these changes now allow us to showcase our product ranges in eye catching and accessible displays which can rotate with the seasons. This has led to an increase in the average spend as customers take longer to browse the shop and are tempted to purchase extra items. It has also created a space that volunteers are proud of and presents a welcoming environment to visitors to the town and cathedral.

Sales for 2022 were good, with the shop exceeding our target for profit for the year. This was helped greatly by the very popular Threads exhibition and merchandise for the Queen's Jubilee. The shop has a great group of 25 very dedicated volunteers who do an excellent job serving all our customers, advising on products and processing sales through the till. The TIP volunteers also do an excellent job at promoting and selling cathedral and tower tours, providing helpful suggestions on local attractions and the odd impromptu history lesson when regularly asked

where Edmund is buried. The TIP comprises of 29 equally dedicated volunteers. Both groups of volunteers allow us to provide these services and generate much needed income for the cathedral and both I and the cathedral are very grateful for all they do.

St Edmundsbury Singers *Judy Broadway*

The St Edmundsbury Singers now has 24 members in total, and we welcomed one new member, Jordan, in 2022.

During the three terms in 2022, the St Edmundsbury Singers (SES) continued singing Evensong every fortnight on Wednesdays, with Thursday rehearsals in the weeks between. Highlights from the Lent term were singing Vespers outside in the Abbey ruins on 6 April and Compline in Holy Week, which we all love to do.

We sang for the Easter Vigil service, which in 2022 was very long due to the large number of confirmations held over during Covid.

One of our members, Alice, got married at the Cathedral in April and a few of us were lucky enough to sing for her then. It was a superb occasion.

In the Summer term we sang two Evensongs with the Lay Clerks, one for the Chapter Service on 25 July, after normal term had ended. We also sang at the Ordination Services at the beginning of July.

We participated in singing the Faure Requiem on the morning of 10 September, in commemoration of the death of the Queen.

In the Michaelmas Term some of us joined in the RSCM Choral Festival where we came together with various other choirs from across the diocese – a good opportunity to meet and to sing. We sang at the All Souls Sunday services, including a Requiem Mass which was very moving. We came together again with the Lay Clerks to sing the Sunday before Christmas as well as with our usual participation in the Midnight Mass, one of our year's highlights.

We hope this coming Christmas-time to be invited to join in with the Christmas Concert.

All members took part in an appraisal process in November, which was

very nerve-wracking, where we sang individually for Richard and Tim. The result was a partial moving-round of some voices to balance the choir's sound. Luckily we were all still members after the exercise. We look forward to singing during 2023 and encourage volunteers to come to our Evensongs, as it is rare that the congregation outnumbers the choir.

Sunday Coffee *Valerie Moore*

The Sunday coffee team now provides filter coffee and biscuits for the Chorister parents and the 9 am service congregation in addition to the 10.30 am service. We have discontinued the use of disposable cups. The use of mugs and the recycling of card and soft plastic from biscuits wrappers ensure that we have minimal waste. We are very grateful for the support and help of the vergers.

Cathedral Tours and Tower Tours *Sarah Friswell*

In the early part of 2022 we were only able to offer tours on Wednesdays and Saturdays due to a lack of guides. A training course in July brought a fresh intake of keen guides. Once they had passed their exams, they 'cut their teeth' by being 'roving guides' over the summer and autumn. In addition there were 41 group tours in 2022, a huge increase on the previous year. The group sizes were smaller than in the past, but it was nevertheless good to see these type of tours returning. New for 2022 was the introduction of special tours for people with neurological issues (such as aphasia). Three of these tours took place and we are promoting these more widely in 2023.

Parish pilgrimages are a regular monthly feature in our diary. These tours are led by a Cathedral guide with the visiting parish joining in responsive prayers on a specially devised pilgrimage tour. The visitors then stay for Evensong and tea, provided by the Friends of the Cathedral.

The number of people booking Tower tours rose from 255 in 2019 to 497 in 2022. In addition, there were 16 private Tower tours and Tower tour vouchers were a popular gift at Christmas.

Each month the guides meet to extend their knowledge with talks led by

external speakers or by one of our own guides, having researched a particular theme. There is always something new to learn!

Vergers *James Stark*

We have two honorary Vergers on the team, who you will have probably bumped into at some point! Paul Collard, former Server at The Cathedral and Keith Ivory, both who outdate all of the current Vergers for time spent on the team!

Paul looks after the Wednesday lunchtime BCP service, to be on duty while the vergers have lunch breaks.

Keith covers Wednesday mornings and has been known to pitch in on the other occasional morning when us vergers have holidays! Both are vital assets in ensuring the team runs smoothly!

Wardens *Barbara Pycraft and Terry Stark*

It was lovely to welcome the return of so many members of our congregation following the lifting of covid restrictions and to see the flourishing of so many different services here at the Cathedral, from the pomp and ceremony surrounding the Justice Service in March, to the more personal style of the Climate Change service in September.

Similarly, December saw an array of Carol services organised by local schools, charities and our own 9 Lessons and Carols in the lead up to Christmas. We are particularly grateful for the support given to us by previous wardens, deputies and willing volunteers, who have assisted us in some of the very large County services where there have been complex seating plans.

In all of this, along with our regular Sunday services, Weddings and Funerals, which can involve welcoming, handing out of books, organising communion and the safe lighting of candles, the aim of our wonderful warden team is to ensure the smooth running of everything “front of house”.

Welcomers *Jill de Laat*

During 2022 the 30/40 Welcomers got fully back into covering three

shifts every day at the Welcome desk, acting as the face of the Cathedral. The Welcomer is the first person a visitor sees on entry and over the past year have continued to offer a warm welcome, a leaflet and tips on what to see in the cathedral for those who have never been before. Many visitors appreciate an overview of the building and the history of the abbey. The most common questions seem to be 'how old is the building?'; 'where is Edmund?' and 'why isn't Bury a city?'. Welcoming gives the volunteer a chance to meet a wide range of visitors – many from overseas and many from the UK on their first visit to Bury along with those from closer to home who like to spend time here quietly. It is always interesting to see who will come through the door and what they will want to know. Hopefully, we can answer most of their questions.

We are always happy to have new Welcomers join the team to make sure we can fill the gaps on the rota as much as possible. It can be a very positive way to spend two hours.

World Day of Prayer *Mandy Alderman*

There are currently 20 representatives from churches in Bury St Edmunds, two from St Edmundsbury Cathedral. New representatives are being sought from other faiths not yet on the committee.

This year the service was represented by the Christian Women of Taiwan.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held on 3rd March 2023 at St Peters Church at 10.30am and at All Saints Church at 7.30pm. The service portrayed by the women of Taiwan was a simple and meaningful service. Approximately 65 people attended in the morning and about 25 in the evening. As always there was a good number of members of the cathedral congregation who attended the service.

Service donations amounted to £493.61.

The Yard Project *Jane Dow*

During the past 12 months the Yard has evolved into a hospitable and creative space for young people. Today we have a clean, warm and welcoming garden room with a kitchenette and colourful hand painted

murals. The garden has weather shelters, wildlife habitats, fruit and vegetables and a handy tool shed. We have also renovated the outside toilet next to the bike shed.

We significantly stretched the original Dulverton Trust funding by using recycled and donated materials, and with the valued help of our volunteers. Additional funding has since been received which will keep the gates open until 2024.

Our first eco-activity session took place in February half term 2022, when young people from the Cathedral community created a bee hotel from discarded cupboards. Since then, we have been able to open during the school holidays with funding from the Holiday and Activities Food Programme (HAF). HAF is for young people whose families are eligible for free school meals or have an identified need e.g. refugees. HAF pays for food, materials and a youth support worker to mentor the young participants. In consultation with young participants, our current activity sessions include preparing and cooking vegetarian soup and sausages over a fire pit, eco-crafts such as bird box building and playing ball games in the Garth.

Through the HAF programme and with the Dulverton Trust funding we supported 45 young people in 2022, many of whom returned time and again. Our survey results indicate that 80% of young people's mood and wellbeing improved after time spent at The Yard.

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped The Yard project to reach a point where we can provide a safe, welcoming space to more young people, more of the time.

Newcomers in 2022/2023

Since July 2022, we have been pleased to welcome the following new volunteers:

Tessa Bailey *Guide*

Jack Pennell *Guide/Tower tour guide*

Michael Jack *Guide*

Sandra Nunn *Gardener*

Sheila Goodchild *TIP*

Nick Hemsley *Welcomer/TIP/Shop*
Owen Cox *Photographer*
Yvonne Hamel-Cooke *Sunday Morning Coffee*
Patricia Larman *LEGO*
Jo Purvis *Welcomer*
Laura Wheeler *LEGO*
RoseMarie Counihan *LEGO*
Joshua Perkins *LEGO*
Jill Sheppard *Shop*
Susan Long *Events Steward*
Geoff Staff *Yard Project/Tower tour guide*
Debbie Guise *Welcomer/Tower tour guide*
Rosie Livingstone *Chaplain*
Shirley Warrington *Shop*
Gavin Boby *LEGO/Events Steward*
Graham Miles *Chaplain*
Peter Boyt *Chaplain*
Jean Archdeacon *Chaplain*
Mark Hunt *Chaplain*
Frank Gimson *Chaplain*
Gordon Anderson *Chaplain*
Rita Anderson *Chaplain*
Roy Seden *Chaplain*
Ron Orams *Chaplain*
Richard Frost *Chaplain*
Julie Taylor *TIP*
Brenda Stanley *Chaplain*
Lucy Millard *Junior Church*
Josephine Waters *Junior Church*
Felix von Nathusius *Junior Church*
Caroline von Nathusius *Junior Church*
Katerina Chinenyeze *Junior Church*
Julie Taylor *TIP*
Sarah Firth *Eucharistic Minister*
Kierstan Foreman *Eucharistic Minister*
David Eden *Eucharistic Minister*
Emma Eden *Eucharistic Minister*
Young volunteers: Rhys, Casper, Alfred, Anika

Long services Awards

The Cathedral Chapter considers that it is important to show appreciation to, acknowledge and reward long serving staff and volunteers. Those who have completed a certain number of years of service receive recognition of their commitment and contribution to the Cathedral.

The acknowledgement of a volunteer's service begins at five years and awards are presented when a volunteer has completed five, ten, twenty five and thirty years' service.

All volunteering is appreciated and valued. We appreciate the volunteer who offers an hour a month and the volunteer who does multiple roles and has been a volunteer for many years.

This year we are pleased to recognise the following long service:

5 years (joined the Guild between July 2018 and June 2019)

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| Robert Bourne | Jane Taylor | Doreen Young |
| Andrew Day | Peter Mason | |
| Jo Dean | Christopher Munnings | |
| Susan Loxton | Margaret Wheeldon | |

10 years

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| Christine Andrews | Kay Dewsbury |
| Christopher Andrews | Margaret Jones |
| Barbara Banwell | Margaret McLoone |
| Catriona Brinkley | Stephen Moody |
| Eve Burrows | Georgina Pinches |
| Ruth Castles | Martyn Taylor |
| Margaret Charlesworth | |

25 years

Joy Knowles

30 years

Judy Broadway
Barry Dixon
Tim Hart

