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FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the past year our surveyor, Mr. Martin Caroe, has produced two excellent reports: an Initial Survey and Suggestions for Improvements. These show with great clarity what needs to be done to 'preserve and improve the Cathedral so that it may continue to inspire and serve the Diocese of Rochester and the people of west Kent and beyond into the 21st century'. These needs have been costed at £1½ million at current prices. The Chapter believes that we in our generation have a duty, not least in recognition of all we have received from the past, to transmit our heritage in good order to succeeding ages; and, as the needs so clearly exceed the resources of the Cathedral and of the Friends, we have established a Trust 'Rochester 2000' to seek widespread support in meeting them by the year 2000. We are delighted that our friend, the Chief Royal Engineer, General Sir Hugh Beach, GBE, KCB, MC, has agreed to be Chairman of the Trustees and thus continue the work of his illustrious predecessor Bishop Gundulf. The Dean and Chapter can cope with running repairs from current income. If the Trust can fund the really big 'once in a generation' items like re-leading the spire, re-roofing the transepts and re-building the organ, then the Friends in their Jubilee Year can come into their own as a membership movement, made up of those who love and befriend the Cathedral, take an interest in its outreach and ministry and contribute to the middle-range of projects which enable its life to continue in ordered decency. We are as always most grateful for that enabling.

We have all been immensely heartened by the generosity of the late Father Cyril Smith who after a long ministry, spent mostly in this diocese, died last year at the age of 91 and left his entire estate to the church, half to the diocese for training for the ministry, and half to the Cathedral — three fifths to the Dean and Chapter and two-fifths to the Friends. Father Smith was the son of a distinguished Mayor of Rochester, the F. F. Smith who wrote the history of our city, and he was baptised in our font. The Cathedral's share of the legacy amounting to some quarter of a million pounds is a real answer to prayer. Previously Rochester had been remarkable among Cathedrals for the small proportion of its income derived from legacies. May Father Smith's truly Christian beneficence inspire others and may he rest in peace.

The number of special services and events held in the Cathedral continues to increase, reaching saturation point at certain seasons. 1985 promises to be as busy as ever with centenaries of General Gordon, and of Bach, Handel, Merbecke, Schütz and Tallis. We will be hosts to the Huguenots for the Tercentenary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in the autumn and, shewing our ecumenical even-handedness, also to an Ecumenical Civic Service in June to mark the 450th anniversary of the martyrdom of John Fisher — 65th Bishop of Rochester.

His successor — the 104th Bishop — is currently conducting a Visitation, which we trust will release new energies for the mission of the people of God in this hallowed place. As I said to the General Chapter on the day when the Bishop delivered his charge: 'Ours is a rich and brave heritage. May God give us strength to make us worthy inheritors of all that He has given to us and to our fathers in the faith'.

John Arnold

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The high point of 1984 was our function 'Music at Midsummer' held at Tonbridge School on 30th June. This was a great success and resulted in members of the Friends from the diocese being able to meet and enjoy each other's company. We are all greatly indebted to the Choir for their excellent performance and also to Brigadier Barr and Colonel Berringer for their help and support. Unfortunately, Mr Peter Meade has had to resign from the position of Diocesan Liaison Officer owing to personal commitments. He gave fully of his time and we are grateful to him for all he did. To date, he has not been replaced but I am glad to say that our new Membership Secretary, Mrs Sharpe, has been very active and to date over forty new friends have been enrolled.

During the year we received a visit from the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral. This was a happy occasion when ideas were discussed. We are looking into the possibility of a return visit at some future date. In accordance with the provisions of our Constitution, I will be retiring from the position of Chairman at the Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Dean and Chapter for all their support and also the Council for their help and co-operation. I wish to convey my thanks to the Office Staff for all their efforts and especially to Edith Rowe for all the work she has done both for me and for the Council.

John Bradley

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Forty-nine new friends have been enrolled since the Annual General Meeting held on 16th June 1984. This increase has been largely due to the efforts of Mrs Joan Sharp who was re-elected to the Council at that meeting and immediately took on responsibility of Membership Secretary. At the time of going to press the membership totals 830. There have been some losses through death and lapse of subscription by past members. It is with regret that we have to record the death earlier this year of Mrs Vida Pugh wife of Dr David Pugh and a Friend of the Cathedral since 1957. We extend our condolences to Dr Pugh.

Arrangements are going ahead for commencement of the major work to be carried out to improve the heating system in the Cathedral. This will take some time and will inevitably cause some disruption. It is hoped, however, that the end product will provide more comfort to cold weather visitors.

This year the Friends celebrate their Jubilee and it is anticipated that later in the year our Patron Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent will grace us with her presence. Although at the present time the actual date is not known it will no doubt be announced at the Annual General Meeting on 15th June. There is news of a new rose raised by Harkness and named 'Rochester Cathedral', and it is hoped that our Patron will accept an invitation to plant one of these in the Garth during her visit.

We thank Mrs Mary Ashfield and her lady helpers who are once again arranging the luncheon to be held on Festival Day. This is an occasion which provides an opportunity to enjoy a good meal and meet old friends. Thanks must also be given to Mr Austin who has given of his valuable time to help prepare the Inland Revenue claim for refund of tax on covenanted subscriptions.

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SURVEYORS REPORT

Over the last year work to the Cathedral has been confined to 3 projects all of particular technical interest. Throughout the period I have also been assessing with the Chapter the implications — and in particular the financial implications — of the recommendations contained in the survey reports prepared in 1983.

West Door

Though the whole West Front was cleaned in the late 1950's the lower part at least has become quite black. In order to try out the suitability of techniques recently developed in the West Country a team of Conservators from Wells cleaned, consolidated and repaired the highly carved West Door of the Nave during the summer. The stone was thought to be in excellent condition but removal of dirt exposed quite substantial areas where decay was in progress due to the crystallisation of salts. All these areas were strengthened and finally all surfaces were covered with a porous shelter coat to act as a buffer against the atmosphere. A fully illustrated account of the work, which describes the condition of the carving in the most minute detail, has been lodged with the Cathedral records.

Cloister Garth

Stonework on the Garth is suffering in a similar manner, though here the rate of annual loss is far worse. A photographic survey of the West wall has been completed and from the stereo-photographs a survey drawing has been prepared showing the West face of the Chapter House. One arch has been cleaned and consolidated using somewhat similar techniques to those on the West Front, though here the challenge to the Conservators was even greater. In certain areas carved details survived only on thin sulphated crusts which had become all but entirely detached from the powdering core of the stone. First the cores had to be stabilised and then gaps filled and finally the crusts re-attached. The delicacy of the Romanesque carving is now fully exposed to view.

Crypt Wallpainting

The condition of the painting on the vault beside St. Ithamar's Chapel was even more fragile, with thin skins of paint of up to 4 square inches hanging all but vertically from the face of the plaster. The Conservators have to date removed the painting from the vault by first gluing fine silk to the face of the design — the crypt smelling like a fish glue factory during this stage of the work — and then subsequently cutting away the paint and silk from the backing plaster. The plaster ground was then renewed and allowed to dry for two months and at the time of writing the Conservators have returned to re-fix the painting which they assure us is work of the first importance.

An unexpected bonus has been the discovery of two 12th Century finely painted stones built solid into the 13th Century vault. These have been cut out and will eventually be on display in the Cathedral.

Heating

Finally preparations are in hand to renew the Cathedral heating system. The first phase will cover the removal of the oil fired furnace alongside Gundulf's Tower and its replacement with a gas fired unit of similar capacity. Work will start on site in April.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1066-1137: A SAXO-NORMAN SYNTHESIS

Rochester Cathedral — though a Saxon foundation — survived the Norman Conquest. But it did not merely survive. It went from weakness to strength. Shortly after he became Bishop, Gundulf (1077-1108), himself a monk, replaced the secular canons who had hitherto formed the Chapter by Benedictine regulars¹ and began to build a new cathedral in the Norman style² in place of the old Saxon building which had become ruinous. Fifty years later at Ascensiontide 1130 an impressive, sturdy and functional cathedral and priory church, richly ornamented by Bishop Ernulf (1115-25), was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This important occasion was attended by a host of dignitaries headed by King Henry I himself and it was mentioned in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, perhaps as a direct consequence of the royal presence.

The presence of Norman monk-bishops in the see of Rochester after 1066 reflects William the conqueror's procedure of nominating monks from across the channel as simultaneously bishops and heads of English monasteries. The first foreign bishop of each of the existing Anglo-Saxon cathedral priories (Worcester, Durham and Winchester) imposed a foreign prior of his own choice; but after that the monks normally secured a prior elected *e gremio* and resisted changes forced on them by new bishops. They developed a strong sense of continuity. Worcester and Durham remained very English in tone; and Winchester, which had non-monastic bishops until 1129 and had to struggle to avoid disbandment, was not far behind³. The survival of old-English traditions in these three pre-Norman cathedral priories highlights the Normanization of Christ Church Canterbury and Rochester, both secular foundations colonized from Bec and ruled by the primate.

Since their foundation, Benedictine houses had each gone their own way unfettered by an official code. However, a number of private agreements and unions were framed between individual abbeys, mostly on a regional basis. Engagements concerned simply with the mutual discharge of spiritual good offices appear to have been particularly common in the years immediately following the conquest⁴. By a charter of 1077, written in old-English, a group of monasteries in Wulfstan of Worcester's diocese, together with two others outside, agreed to foster the religious spirit, to intercede for the king and queen; and to pray for each other's dead⁵. The Abbots of Chertsey, Evesham, Bath and Pershore and the Bishop and Prior of Worcester were the last old-English rulers of their houses. 'Rawulf' of Winchcombe and 'Saerle' of Gloucester, formerly canon of Avranches and monk of St Michel, were the first Norman incumbents. Unfortunately the document breaks off after reciting the names of the monks at Evesham, Chertsey, and Bath; but they at least are all English⁶. A similar engagement was made between Worcester and its original mother house Ramsey⁷ and another was already in existence between the two Minsters at Winchester⁸.

The Cathedral Church of Rochester also formed a network of confraternities under its first four monk-bishops. In the second part of the 'Textus Roffensis', twenty-eight Benedictine communities are listed geographically⁹. Heading the list are the three other Kentish houses, Christ Church and St Augustine's, Canterbury, and the nunnery at Malling, followed by Battle, Bermondsey and Westminster. A large group from the East Midlands (possibly the interest of Ernulf, formerly Abbot of Peterborough), St. John's, Colchester, Bury, Ely, Norwich, St. Alban's and Eynsham, is balanced by a group of west country monasteries, Bath,

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Malmesbury, Gloucester, Winchcombe, Tewkesbury, Worcester and Pershore. (The latter is essentially the Worcester group, and Rochester may well have taken it on as a unit). Abingdon brings up the English rear. Finally there are eight French communities, led by Bec, followed by six other Norman houses, Fécamp, Rouen (St Ouen), Sées (St Martin), Troarn, Préaux (St Peter) and Evreux (St Taurin), and finally Melun (? St Peter), perhaps the personal choice of Ernulf, who had been a monk of Beauvais. This is probably the itinerary to be followed round England and Normandy by the porter of the Rochester breve roll, which was concerned with suffrages for the dead. The engagements fall into nine classes, varying each from the other as to the number of prayers and masses to be offered; and the total sum must have represented a considerable burden upon the house. The most privileged class is of three houses — Christ Church, Norwich and Malling nunnery. There are many more instances of this kind and no doubt almost every abbey had some undertaking of a similar nature. This document is a striking example of the unofficial brotherhood which existed between communities of Anglo-Saxon foundation, even when they were headed by Normans. Bishop Ernulf continues the work of Wulfstan by producing in the 'Textus Roffensis' a great old-English document. Perhaps owing to his French (not Norman) nationality, Ernulf had a feeling for the antiquity of the Anglo-Saxons. Under him the Anglo-Saxon Eadmer became Precentor of Christ Church; under him the last Anglo-Saxon historical phrases were penned in Christ Church; under him Peterborough finished the string of the Anglo-Saxon annals. The prayer of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicler for him is touching indeed 'May Almighty God ever dwell with him'¹⁰. It is remarkable that Rochester, a Norman monastic foundation governed by foreigners, combined its Norman characteristics with these underlying Saxon sympathies and, furthermore, extended them across the Channel.

A short twelfth century treatise 'Miracula Sancti Ithamari Episcopi' contains further illuminating information¹¹. This composition resulted from the growth of a cult round the saintly bishop and his translation to an imposing shrine. The development of a twelfth century cult round so obscure an old-English saint is notable, for 'The Norman abbots, it seems, frequently outraged the feelings of their monks by their disrespectful attitude towards the old-English saints'¹². The clash between Lanfranc and St. Anselm over the cult of St. AElfheah¹³ is well known and there are other similar instances. Yet fifty years later abbeys and cathedrals are to be found translating these saints to magnificent new shrines.

The impetus for the cult of Ithamar came from the translation of his remains after the destruction of the old-English church where he had been buried. The 'Vita Gundulfi' gives a rich description of the translation of the bones and relics of the Roman St Paulinus but does not mention the fate of the bones of Ithamar. They also were moved to the new church¹⁴. Bishop John I (1125-37), who was cured by the saint of a sickness of the eyes, ordered that his relics should be transferred to a newer and better shrine¹⁵ and that his day should be kept annually with due solemnity¹⁶. The feast day of Rochester's local saint is still celebrated annually in the cathedral on 10th June. This shows the same pattern as the development of confraternity networks: neglect, a slight revival of the cult after the conquest, a greatly revived cult in the 1120's or 1130's¹⁷; and they acquire a greater significance when seen as part of the widespread urge amongst the conquered to recover the heritage of old-English Christianity.

Above the entrance to the Norman dormitory is a weathered tympanum, depicting the story of Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah. Part of the Latin inscription in Saxon characters is still visible.

It is this mingling of cultures, the Hebrew scriptures in a Latin translation, worked by Anglo-Saxon hands under a Norman master on imported stone from Caen, which gives the clue to the survival of Rochester Cathedral through the period of the Norman Conquest and, indeed, up to the present day¹⁸.

Frances Arnold

NOTES

- 1 'Vita Gundulfi' (The Life of Gundulf, Bishop of Rochester, ed. R. Thomson, Toronto Medieval Latin texts; 7), p. 40.
- 2 'Textus Roffensis', fo. 172.
- 3 F. Barlow 'The English Church 1066-1154', who bases his work on this subject principally on 'The Heads of Religious Houses 940-1216', ed. D. Knowles, C. N. L. Brooke, Vera London.
- 4 Barlow, pp. 186-188; D. Knowles, 'The Monastic Order in England', pp. 472-4.
- 5 'Vita Wulfstani', ed. Darlington, p. 191. Cited by D. Knowles in 'The Monastic Order in England', p. 473.
- 6 B. Thorpe, 'Diplomatarium Anglicum Aevi Saxonici' (1865), p. 615. cited by Barlow, p. 187.
- 7 'Vita Wulfstani', p. 191 c.f., Durham 'Liber Vitae', ss. (1923) XVIII - XIX, p. 48. Cited by Knowles, p. 474.
- 8 V. 'Hyde Liber Vitae', p. 47. Cited *ibid*.
- 9 This was a cartulary written in Anglo-Saxon. It was completed between 20th October 1122 and 18th February 1123 and is traditionally associated with Bishop Ernulf. The first part contains copies of Anglo-Saxon laws; the second spurious and genuine charters from before the conquest and later. p. 321.
- 10 A. I. Pearman, 'Rochester' (Diocesan Histories; 1897). p. 64.
- 11 St Ithamar (644-55), fourth bishop of Rochester and the first who was an Englishman by birth (Bede, III, 14), was much revered.
The only known surviving manuscript of the 'Miracula' is incorporated in 'Corpus Christi College Cambridge M.S. 161', a collection of saints' lives written in the late 12th or early 13th century. 'The Miracles of St. Ithamar' has been edited by Denis Bethell in 'Analecta Bollandiana', vol. 89 (1971), pp. 421-37. Bethell places the composition of the text no earlier than the 12th century, and not much later than the 1150's (pp. 424-5).
- 12 Knowles, 'The Monastic Order in England', p. 118.
- 13 *ibid*. p. 119.
- 14 'He was buried in the church where Gundulf was bishop, in the sanctuary next to the blessed Paulinus' ('Miracula', p. 429) i.e. later than him.
Then a monk of the new Rochester community had a vision of the saint and, 'On hearing what had been said, the bishop (Gundulf) instructed that the previous relics of the saint (Ithamar) should be taken into the presbytery and the coffin placed in a more respectable place with all the inestimable and accessible items of the treasury. In this place, God being present, many manifest signs of miracles were performed on those suppliants who asked in faith' (p. 430).
- 15 See also list of benefactors of Rochester, 'Registrum', p. 21.
- 16 'Miracula', p. 432. The material on St. Ithamar is drawn from an unpublished paper entitled 'Tombs, Shrines and Research' presented by Anneliese Arnold to the Rochester Cathedral Archaeological Symposium, November 1984.
- 17 *ibid*. p. 425.
- 18 Taken from a longer essay entitled 'The Cathedral Church and community of St. Andrew at Rochester: Survival and Growth (604-1154).'

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THE INAUGURATION OF THE FRIENDS

On 20th July 1927 *The Times* published an article by George Bell, Dean of Canterbury, announcing the inauguration of 'a society of men and women to be known as 'The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral', whose object was 'to gather round the Cathedral in association with the Dean and Chapter a body of supporters who are prepared to take some share in caring for it and preserving it for posterity'. (Incidentally, the architect at Canterbury Cathedral at that time was W. D. Caroe, grandfather of the present architect of Rochester Cathedral). This was the first of such bodies among the older cathedrals — The Friends of Builders of the new cathedral at Liverpool was already in existence, created for almost an identical purpose.

Eight years later, on 9th February 1935, Francis Underhill, Dean of Rochester, addressed a letter to *The Times* announcing the formation of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral and appealing for members. By the end of that year 622 Friends had been enrolled from all parts of the British Isles and as far afield as Burma, South Africa and Australia. There were also twenty-six corporate members. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent accepted an invitation to be the Patron and the first council included such eminent figures as Sir Herbert Baker, RA, FRIBA, and Sir Eric Maclagan, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. The office of the Friends was in the Deanery and the first secretary was Miss D. L. Sandford, whom the Dean described as 'one of the best known Citizens of Rochester, as well as a most loyal member of the Church'. A badge was designed, consisting of a gold scallop shell, taken from the arms of the Dean and Chapter, on a red field. The Friends' inaugural service was held on 2nd November 1935, which coincided with the annual service in the Cathedral of the Knights Templars. The Bishop of Rochester, Dr Martin Linton-Smith, preached the sermon and the service was followed by tea in the Guildhall.

Dean Underhill had stated that the aim of the Friends was 'not only to hand on to future generations the Cathedral with its beauty unimpaired, but also to bring to light some features long hidden'. Both these aspects were evident in the first group of works undertaken by the Friends. In 1936 they agreed to repair the coping and parapet of the west end gable of the Nave and the parapets of the Nave aisles, to produce printed notices to be placed against various objects of interest in the Cathedral, and to open the doorway between the old Chapter House (now known as 'Palm Court') and the Cloisters. The Friends also undertook to give support to the Dean and Chapter's imaginative decision in connection with the remains of the Norman Cloisters. At that time the Cloister Garth formed the garden of Prebendal House, built a hundred years previously as a residence for one of the canons and occupying the corner between the present south gate to the Cathedral and Minor Canon Row. Prebendal House was to be demolished, fully exposing the south Cloister with its 13th century doorway and the monks' vaulted *lavatorium*. It was also proposed to put a roof on the old Chapter House in 'Palm Court', but this was never done. The work took over two years and resulted in the Cloister Garth as we see it today.

The first Friends' Festival took place in June 1936. On its eve there was a Recital of Music in the Cathedral. The Festival Day itself opened with a Sung Eucharist, at which the Bishop celebrated. The preacher at the Festival Service in the afternoon should have been Dr. Foxley Norris, Dean of Westminster, but because of the funeral of Canon Percy Dearmer, he was unable to be present and Bishop

King, one of the residentiary canons of Rochester, took his place. It was too wet to have tea in the Deanery garden and so it was taken in King's School, and afterwards the Friends were addressed by Sir Charles Peers, CBE, until recently H.M. Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments. (The following year the poet T. S. Eliot gave a lecture to the Friends, on the eve of the Festival, on 'Religious Drama Ancient and Modern'). A feature of this first Festival was an Exhibition of Pre-Restoration Church Plate from the Cathedral and from churches in the diocese. The *Textus Roffensis*, the Cathedral's oldest manuscript, was also on display.

Paul A. Welsby

ROCHESTER AND YORKSHIRE

For over a century there was a strong link between Rochester and Westminster Abbey. Nine bishops of Rochester were deans of Westminster. The first was John Dolben, Dean of Westminster, consecrated bishop in 1666. The reason for this was economic. 'By such pluralism an impoverished bishopric was provided with an income and a London house; which accounts for the fact that eight of his successors assumed this double responsibility' (Ed. Edward Carpenter: *A House of Kings*, p. 189). The two buildings, the Abbey and Rochester Cathedral, also have architectural features of the 13th century in common, in St. Faith's Chapel there and the north transept here. The link with Yorkshire, however, is a different one. Rochester's bishops and deans have gone north to be Archbishops of York; and from York have come many whose names are recorded in Rochester history and on Cathedral memorials.

Perhaps it all began with Paulinus, the Apostle of the North. Consecrated as Bishop of Northumbria by Justus he went north with Queen Ethelburga on her marriage to Edwin. The Venerable Bede describes vividly in his *History of the English Church and People* the conversion of the heathen priest Coifi, and how he hurled a spear at the pagan idol in its temple at Goodmanham, a little village in Humberside. Paulinus converted Edwin and baptised him on the site of what is now York Minster. He continued his missionary work and frequently baptised by running water. A little beck runs alongside Pocklington church where a stone records 'Here Paulinus, preached and celebrated 624'. Paulinus is not unique in returning to Kent as bishop, for some Rochester bishops became Archbishops of Canterbury; but he alone returned to be buried in the Cathedral. Here a shrine was erected; and today his bones are believed to rest beneath the crypt.

In recent years Stuart Blanch, residentiary canon of the Cathedral, went to Liverpool and later to York. In this he was following a line of a number of bishops of Rochester. John Kemp, bishop 1419, Archbishop of York 1426 and later of Canterbury (born at Wye, he built the church and founded the grammar school there); Thomas Savage 1495, York 1501; Nicholas Heath 1540 (deprived by Queen Mary later restored), York 1555; John Piers 1576, York 1589; Richard Neile 1608, York 1632. John Dolben 1666 (the doughty fighter for the Abbey's right of immunity from episcopal control), York 1683. Amongst the deans, Thomas Herring 1731, went to York 1745, Canterbury 1747; William Markham 1765, York 1777.

Of those who came south there is the first Abbot of Selby Abbey. He was thought to have too savagely punished some fellow monks accused of theft and had to resign. He joined the community here in 1097. Bishop William Wells, formerly Abbot of St Mary's Abbey, York, lies beneath the massive brass matrix in the Presbytery. He

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died at Trottiscliffe in 1444. Bishop John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester from 1504 to 1535, was a Yorkshireman, born at Beverley, the son of a prosperous merchant, Robert Fisher. This year we commemorate the 450th anniversary of the death of this saintly man. In the last quarter of the last century, considered to be less ecumenical than today, his statue was carved and put on the memorial screen to Dean Scott. Another Yorkshire link is to be found in the north aisle. There the fine memorial to Francis Barrell, who died in 1772, records his first wife Ann 'by whome he left issue only two Daughters, who married two Brothers, the sons of JOHN DODSWORTH Esqre of Yorkshire'. Ann and Catherine married respectively, Francis and Frederick Dodsworth. The Dodsworths were an old county family, numbering among their spouses Matthew Hutton, Archbishop of Canterbury and an earlier Matthew Hutton, Archbishop of York. Then, at the east end of the north aisle is the ledger stone of Mary Johnson, who died aged 28 in 1704. The inscription proudly records that she was the daughter of George Collins '(Eborac.)', Eboracum is the Latin name for York.

And finally in the north transept are laid the mortal remains of Captain William Cayley. Nearby, there was once a tablet on the wall with the following inscription. 'Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM CAYLEY, Third Son of the late Sir George Cayley Bart. at Brompton in Yorkshire. Who was made Captain of his Majesty's Navy on the 1st of May 1782. He departed this Life at Chatham the 3rd of Janry 1801. Aged 58 years'. (Thomas Shindler *The Register of the Cathedral Church of Rochester*, page 7). The Cayleys were also well-known in Yorkshire and one member was later to fly the first aeroplane in this country. William Cayley was a bachelor but his niece Ann was the wife of George Worsley, rector of Stonegrave, Yorks. They are the ancestors of Katharine Worsley, now H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent, our royal patron. We hope that she will find herself at home amongst us.

Henry Stapleton

ROCHESTER 2035

'That's where I spent some of the happiest years of my life' said Jane Smethurst as she stood outside No. 2 King's Orchard. Her grandchildren were unimpressed by the old brick house, but their eyes lit up when Jane began to tell them about Great Grandfather Henry. They had heard about him in the Deanery at Fulchester but somehow had not pictured him as the young sprightly Canon at Rochester fifty years ago.

'This is the way he walked every morning', Granny continued as they strolled into the Precinct. There, even she was surprised at the full view of the Cathedral across the lovely gardens where once stood Garth House. Minor Canon Row seemed even more splendid with the space around it.

They walked down the steps past the carefully preserved ruins of the old Benedictine Monastery and turned right into the Chapter House. Twenty years ago this had been the subject of great controversy when the ancient Chapter House roof was restored and a gallery of books known as the Welsby Library now occupy the upper storey while the Dean and Chapter enjoyed their modern luxuries on this ancient site. The children loved walking round the ever spiralling staircase by which visitors reached the time capsule hidden in the heart of the Old Deanery. After donning their Monks habits and tonsures the excited children climbed aboard and were whisked first down and then along the corridors of time. They were

able to participate in the life of a Norman Monastery, to sense its primitive ways and its high aspirations. The time capsule sped on its way and they heard the clank of gates and the shout of armoured soldiers as they appeared from under the road in the depths of the Norman Keep. Even a Granny became excited, thought Jane, as they were taken through the King's Banqueting Hall and met the figures of Bishop Gundulph and King William poring over their maps of fortifications in London and beyond.

On the top of the Norman Keep the children had a marvellous view of the Cathedral and the ancient town in all its splendour. The beautifully restored West Front gleamed in the sunshine and beckoned the little party in through the Great West Doors. They were quickly there and walked through the Glass Screen.

Immediately Jane pointed out to the children the bosses on the roof newly painted and strikingly lit with lazer beams creating evocative patterns. They were soon on the large platform which separated the Nave from the Quire and walking through the screen even the children's breath was taken away by the sheer beauty of the canopied stalls and the huge tapestries occupying seven bays on either side which lent height and majesty to the splendour of the Gothic arches. Jane forebore to tell the children about the primitive Quire of fifty years ago before the new seating and central Altar were in place. She looked around at the many visitors enjoying a view of the Cathedral from the clerestory level and wondered what her father would have said about it all.

Where all was bustle and yet beauty in the Cathedral itself the crypt created a pool of calm. The ancient wall paintings led sombre colour and the ever echoing archways seemingly uninterrupted by the glass screens which enclosed the Chapels and other places of prayer and Christian education.

The need for tea and cream cakes dominated the minds of the children and Jane had reluctantly to retreat from the Cathedral and into the High Street musing as she went how each generation has its own contribution to make to the life and witness of a great building. She momentarily thanked God for the perseverance of those of her father's generation and those since that time who had enhanced the Cathedral. It seemed to her that the Friends of Rochester Cathedral of any generation were not just Friends of the Cathedral but Friends of time and Friends of the generations — an earthly reminder of the eternal truths and virtues for which the Cathedral was built.

Michael Turnbull

MARY AND THE CHILD CHRIST

We are grateful to the Revd Melvyn Matthews, Senior Anglican Chaplain to Bristol University and the BBC World Service to quote extracts from the broadcast when he talked of a postcard the Dean sent him of the statue by John Doubleday in the Garth.

I wish you could see it now because it's not like the usual statues of the Madonna and Child, where the baby is lying helpless in his mother's arms. Here, Christ is a young child, standing against his mother's knee, ready to walk. Mary is kneeling behind him and obviously they are both looking at something which has caught their attention just behind your left shoulder. The Christ child is drawn to it and is wondering whether to leave the protection of his mother to reach out to this new thing. Mary is a little wistful, half-encouraging, half-protective. She knows he must go, but is somewhat fearful of the consequences.

One of the reasons I keep this postcard over my desk is because I am a student chaplain (as indeed was the sender of the card). I have to care for young people who are on the brink of life, like the child Christ, about to step out. And, in a way, our Chaplaincy Church is like Mary, a place of fellowship and protection, but also a place which encourages the young and gently but firmly enables them to stand up and walk out to face the pain and fire of life. But it's not just students, is it, who are being gently pushed out into the world by the love of God, it's each one of us.

The child Christ in the statue, my students at University, they are symbols for all of us. All of us are Christ bearers, carrying about in the body the marks of the Lord Jesus, sharing daily in his passion and in his resurrection. And I think that's a very freeing thing. Once we know that and accept it, allow its truth to sit deep within us, then we are truly free.

So my reflection on this postcard leads me to understand that we carry within us a mystery, the mystery of this child Christ stepping out into the world to face its pain and to redeem it. Perhaps we should let the Christ child step out more often.

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE FOR VISITORS

During the past year the Centre has ministered to the needs of an increasing number of local and overseas visitors and many have enjoyed its delightful garden. Some 11,000 children have made use of the educational aids and the refectory and, in spite of the continuing difficulties which schools are facing with regard to economic cutbacks, it is hoped that this trend will continue. School parties remain the prime source of income for the Centre in that they use the building for nine months of the year. The itinerary planning service which the Cathedral Tours Officer operates encourages these parties to visit not only the Centre and the Cathedral but also other places of interest in Rochester; it also provides an unrivalled service for these groups. Apart from organizations closely linked with the Cathedral, the Centre is now used for meetings by outside bodies on several occasions each month and use of the Centre by these outside organizations has been welcomed. Although the Centre, in line with many others, is facing certain economic difficulties we look forward to an upward surge of visitors in 1985.

Leanne Hornby

SEWING GUILD

We have had a happy and busy year working together. Our main task has been to keep the blue cassocks from falling apart. We are now in the process of thinking about new blue cassocks for the entire choir before the old ones fall to pieces; a very large and expensive item as you will appreciate. We have hopes of these being in existence by Advent 1985 thanks to the great generosity of the Friends. Our other target set for this year is a second set of surplices, which will make the washing of surplices a much more amiable task for those kind ladies who do the ironing so willingly. We had a Coffee Morning at 2 King's Orchard in the autumn and raised just over £175. I am most grateful to the Sewing Guild members for their loyal and active support during the past year.

Mary Stapleton

GLOUCESTER FRIENDS

On 20th September, a day which began with drenching rain like a monsoon, the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral came to Rochester as part of their five day tour of Kent. They travelled in their own coach, a party of forty-six strong, including their Dean and two Canons. In the morning they had the option of exploring Rochester's historic treasures, with a City guide, or of free time to visit the shops and museums — in either case a horribly wet exercise. They had lunch at Dodger's Diner, from which they emerged happily refreshed from the ample meal and an hospitable reception. From there, gathering in the Cathedral, they were guided by Verger Steve Hannibal — the highlight of the day which they later described in enthusiastic superlatives.

Tea was laid out in the Crypt, thanks to the combined efforts of the Secretary and Mrs. Joan Sharp, supported by Council members and other Friends. We Roffensian Friends were not only happy to meet so strong a body of our cousins (with a capital F), but we were lost in admiration for their fortitude in dismissing the rain as nothing compared with the pleasure of their visit. Their departure was followed by further tokens of Friendship — a wonderful cheque for £150 — and the good news that their Secretary had enrolled as a Friend of Rochester. We look forward to visiting Gloucester Cathedral and to strengthening the ties that have been forged here.

Dagmar Batterbee

THIRTEEN CENTURIES OF GOODWILL

The Friends' Jubilee Year has been marked by the publication of *Thirteen Centuries of Goodwill*. It was a happy and inspired thought that made Lady Batterbee look back many years and centuries beyond 1935 to the earliest Friends, to King Ethelbert, who in 604 gave 'Prestefeld' to the Cathedral. All lovers of the Cathedral will delight to see the illustrations of features of the building which they know well but of whose donors they know little. Many, too, will enjoy the photographs of more recent years and have the satisfaction of putting faces to well known names.

Of particular interest, of course, is the account of the Friends. The schedule of projects and gifts 1935-81 is both a list of benefactions and also a chronicle of Cathedral history. Here is a book that cannot fail to give pleasure to the Friend of today and of tomorrow. Our sincere thanks are due to the author and to the printer, Mr. Anderson.

This book is available at £2; £1.50 to Friends who apply to the Friends' Office.

ROYAL ENGINEERS' BAND CONCERT

We are delighted that, by kind permission of Brigadier J. A. J. P. Barr, the Royal Engineers are marking the long and close association with the Cathedral by giving a band concert in the nave on 18th September 1985 at 8 p.m. as their contribution to the Friends' Jubilee Year. The combination of a military band and the Cathedral acoustic will make this a very memorable occasion. Tickets will be available from the Cathedral Office, Francis Iles and at the door; £2 for adults, £1.50 for children.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Like any sensible custodian of funds I project forthcoming expenditure as accurately as possible in budget form and then monitor regularly to ensure the budget is adhered to. At this stage it is pleasing to be able to report that my 1984/85 budget was under-spent by some £15,000, mainly because the 'lead-in' time on some of the anticipated capital outlay items has proved to be longer than I originally anticipated. This fact, together with the imminent receipt of part of the late Fr. Smith's bequest, about which you have read elsewhere, means that I feel able to plan for a total expenditure of £35,000 odd in the forthcoming year. The largest single item will be the financing of the first stage of the Cathedral's new heating system to an amount of £16,000, but it is a pleasure to tell you that the Friends will also be supporting some rather more artistic endeavours including the preservation work currently proceeding on the wall paintings in the Cathedral, some aspects of the music and the production of a commemorative booklet in celebration of our Golden Jubilee, thanks largely to the industry of Dagmar Lady Batterbee.

The re-shaping of the investment portfolio about which I wrote last year has now been completed in conjunction with our stockbrokers so that marginally the balance has been switched from equities to gilts to underpin the need to maximise income. That scheme was completed last summer, since when I have been in close contact with the other two beneficiaries of the Smith bequest so that our share not only arrives as a package which dove-tails into our existing portfolio, but also that the costs involved are minimised.

As usual a plea must be made for increased subscription income — whilst we benefit from the endeavours of the *dead* by bequest income, the *living* must take a robust approach to the needs of the Cathedral for funds. Likewise, I commend you to make provision for the work of the Friends in your will and an appropriate form of wording is quoted on page 31.

Finally, as the Friends enter their second half-century of endeavour, I can report the finances to be in good order. I particularly wish to thank Bob Locke for all his painstaking work in subsidiary books of account and, of course, our helpful and friendly auditors, Messrs, Hoby, Pollock and Bell.

A. J. G. Barker Hon. Treasurer

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

29.2.84							
£	£			£	£		
	76	Printing and Stationery			264		
	44	Postages			77		
	219	Office Expenses			256		
	272	Office Furniture and Furnishings			—		
	621	Annual Report: Printing		579			
	105	Postage		77			
	<u>726</u>			<u>656</u>			
	409	Action Committee Expenses			59		
	25	Donation — Flower Guild			—		
	<u>1,771</u>			<u>1,312</u>			
	1,500	Grants paid: Upkeep of Garth		1,500			
	169	North Wall and Nave		—			
	276	Floor Tiles — Chapel of					
		St. John		—			
	605	Cathedral Signs		395			
	<u>—</u>	West Door Renovation		<u>3,000</u>			
	<u>2,550</u>			<u>4,895</u>			
		(Grants authorised but not paid — see note 3)					
	1,405	Surplus transferred to General Fund			4,169		
	<u>£5,726</u>			<u>£10,376</u>			

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MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND

		— Sundry Expenses			—		
		— Grants Paid			—		
	6,736	Surplus transferred to Income Account			8,854		
	<u>£6,736</u>			<u>£8,854</u>			

YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1985

<p>£ 264 77 256 — 656 59 — <u>1,312</u> 4,895 <u>4,169</u> <u>0,376</u></p>	<p>29.2.84 £ 3,032 423 423 — 88 — 457 500 — 37 535 1,077</p>	<p>Subscriptions Received Subscriptions to the Fabric Fund Less Payable to Dean and Chapter Excess of Income over Expenditure: Annual Festival Music at Midsummer (Tonbridge) Donations Legacies Share of Profits from Rochester Cathedral Gift Stall Limited Inscriptions in Book of Memory, less Costs Income Tax Recovered on Subscriptions and Interest Interest Received: Central Board of Finance Quoted Investments (Net) Bank Deposit Interest</p>	<p>£ £ 3,819 626 626 — 108 34 3,564 40 1,046 7 407 770 388 193 <u>1,351</u> <u>£10,376</u></p>
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BALANCE SHEET

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Income and Expenditure Account

	Balance, 1st March, 1984	15,910	
	Add Profit on Sale of Investment	1,300	
	Surplus for the year	4,169	
15,910		<u>21,379</u>	

(Grants authorised but not paid — see note 3)

603	Sundry Creditors	641
—	Amount due to Miss Wootton Bequest Fund	141

<u>16,513</u>		<u>22,161</u>
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Miss Wootton Bequest Fund

Income Account

	Balance, 1st March, 1984	12,976
	Add Surplus for the year	8,854
12,975		<u>21,830</u>

Capital Account — Narrower Range

	Balance, 1st March, 1984	28,895
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Capital Account — Wider Range

	Balance, 1st March, 1984	36,241
	Add Profit on Sales of Investments	3,589
65,136		<u>39,830</u>
		<u>68,725</u>

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29,284	£	£	£	£
		General Fund		
		Stocks on hand		
	29	Badges at Cost		—
21,379	1,787	Investments , per Schedule (page 3)		7,937
		Rochester Cathedral Gift Stall Limited		
641	3,902	Founders Loan repayable after 5 years at the option of the Company		3,902
141		Cash Balances		
	9,832	Church of England Central Board of Finance	8,205	
		Lloyds Bank Plc		
	264	Current Account	69	
22,161	693	Deposit Account	2,038	
	6	Cash in hand	10	
	<u>10,795</u>			<u>10,322</u>
	16,513			22,161

Miss Wootton Bequest Fund

Income Account

		Investments, per Schedule (page 4)	6,140
		Cash Balances	
		Church of England Central Board of Finance	—
4,296		Lloyds Bank Plc.	
	813	Current Account	280
7,866		Deposit Accounts	15,269
—		Amount due from General Fund	141
<u>12,975</u>			<u>21,830</u>

Capital Account

		Narrower Range	Wider Range
64,793	Investments, per Schedule (page 4)	28,552	39,828
	Cash Balances		
	Church of England Central Board of Finance		
272	Lloyds Bank Plc —		
	Deposit Account	<u>343</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>71</u>		<u>£28,895</u>	<u>£39,830</u>
65,136			68,725
<u>£94,624</u>			<u>£112,716</u>

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

(At Cost or Market Value at date of Gift)	Book Value £	Market Value 28th February 1985 £
Rochester Cathedral Gift Stall Limited 1 Ordinary £1 Share	1.00	1
Shell Transport and Trading Co. Plc. 114 Ordinary 25p Shares	519.84	863
£686.71 11% Exchequer Stock 1991	565.72	690
£4,822.21 12¼ % Treasury Loan 1992	4,849.41	5,099
£2,047.34 12¼ % Exchequer Stock 1992	2,000.70	2,093
	<u>£7,936.67</u>	<u>£8,746</u>

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MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

	Book Value	Market Value 28th February, 1985
	£	£
1. Capital Account		
Narrower Range Fund		
Narrower Range Investments		
£5,817.75 11% Exchequer Stock 1991	5,301.50	5,847
£5,308.24 12¼ % Exchequer Stock 1992	5,000.00	5,429
£2,607.50 12¼ % Treasury Stock 1992	2,500.00	2,757
£5,993.10 13¼ % Treasury Stock 1993	6,000.00	6,817
£2,946.69 12¼ % Treasury Stock 1995	2,612.50	3,241
£4,904.05 14% Treasury Stock 1996	4,632.28	5,603
£3,000.00 B.L.M.C. 7¼ % Conv. Unsec. Loan Stock 1982/87	<u>2,505.90</u>	<u>2,550</u>
	<u>£28,552.18</u>	<u>£32,244</u>
Wider Range Fund		
Wider Range Investments		
675 BTR Plc Ordinary 25p Shares	1,997.55	4,354
2,304 Cadbury Schweppes Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	1,222.50	3,871
4,495 Coats, Patons Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	3,664.82	7,327
900 Costain Group Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	2,020.49	3,078
910 Dalgety Plc. Ordinary £1 Shares	2,487.45	4,550
2,000 Marks & Spencer Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	657.18	2,800
600 Midland Bank Plc. Ordinary £1 Shares	1,761.22	2,082
920 Shell Transport & Trading Company Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	2,455.35	6,964
3,380 Scottish Eastern Investment Trust Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	2,497.68	5,543
2,208 Hall Engineering (Holdings) Plc. Ordinary 50p Shares	3,532.80	2,870
1,538 Imperial Group Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	1,768.70	2,922
440 Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	<u>2,113.33</u>	<u>2,803</u>
	26,179.07	49,164
Narrower Range Investments		
£1,071.47 11% Exchequer Stock 1991	876.91	1,077
£13,070.18 12¼ % Exchequer Stock 1992	<u>12,772.42</u>	<u>13,372</u>
	<u>£39,828.40</u>	<u>£63,613</u>
TOTAL	<u>£68,380.58</u>	<u>£95,857</u>
Note: Market Value at 28th February, 1984		<u>£88,577</u>
2. Income Account		
£5,121.70 12¼ % Treasury Loan 1992	5,150.59	5,416
600 Jaguar Plc. Ordinary 25p Shares	<u>990.00</u>	<u>1,932</u>
	<u>£6,140.59</u>	<u>£7,348</u>

FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1985

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) The accounts are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention, subject to the revaluation of Investments on Inter-Range Transfers.
- b) The Income and Expenditure Account takes credit only for legacies and subscriptions received and income tax recovered when received.
- c) All items of Furniture and Equipment have been charged to the Income and Expenditure Account on acquisition.
- d) It is not considered appropriate to include a Statement of Source and Application of Funds as it would not add to the understanding of the accounts which do not therefore comply with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practices No. 10 of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies.

2. INVESTMENTS

The investments include one share in the Rochester Cathedral Gift Stall Limited and a Founder's Loan of £3,902 which are not Trustee Investments but were made at the request of the Dean and Chapter to further the interest of the Cathedral.

3. GRANTS AUTHORISED

Grants amounting to about £28,000 have been authorised and payment should be made during the year ending 28th February, 1986. This sum includes £16,000 in respect of Phase I of the Cathedral Heating. Later phases of this project spread over about 3 years will be considered in due course.

4. BEQUEST

These accounts do not take credit for a bequest of the late Rev. C. L. Smith which it is understood may amount to about £100,000.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the accounts on pages 16 to 21 in accordance with the Approved Auditing Standards having regard to matters referred to in the following paragraph.

This Charity in common with many others of similar size and organisation derives a proportion of its income from voluntary donations and subscriptions which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered in the accounting records and are not therefore susceptible to independent auditors' verification.

Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs at the 28th February, 1985 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1985.

52 St. Margaret's Street, Rochester
and at Sittingbourne

H. J. HOBY
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
HONORARY AUDITOR

NEW

We welcome
Reports:

Mrs D. E.
Miss E. F.
Mr E. St.
Mrs E. S.
Burham
Mrs G. J.
Mr D. J.
Mr P. C.
Mrs P. C.
Mr R. I.
Mrs R.
Crookh
Prim
Mr J. E.
Mrs B.
Mrs J.
Mr M.
Mr C.
Mr. P.
Mrs D.
Miss P.
Hever
Mr G.
Miss M.
Mrs D.
Mr M.

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We follow

Lord
Mrs
Miss
Mrs
Mr A.
Capt
Lord
Mr
Mr
Miss
Mrs

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new Friends enrolled since the 1984 Report:

Mrs D. Boston	King's School Junior School,
Miss E. D. Boulton	Rochester
Mr E. StJ. Brice	Mrs J. T. Meade
Mrs E. StJ. Brice	Mr L. V. Melhuish
Burham & Wouldham P.C.C.	Mr J. L. O'Kill
Mrs G. M. Clampitt	Mrs M. G. O'Kill
Mr D. J. T. Cochrane	Mr S. G. W. Phipps
Mr P. Craddock	Mr I. Roberts
Mrs P. Craddock	Mrs J. W. Roberts
Mr R. I. Craike	Mrs M. Rogers
Mrs R. I. Craike	Miss P. M. Roome
Crookham Hill C E (controlled)	Rusthall St Paul's C E (Aided)
Primary School	Junior School
Mr J. E. Deeprose	Rusthall St Paul's C E (Aided)
Mrs B. K. Deeprose	Junior School PTA
Mrs J. E. Etheridge	Mrs M. U. Sharp
Mrs M. M. Eustice	Major General G. B. Sinclair
Mr C. J. Fuke	Mrs K. M. Smith
Mr P. R. Hale	Mrs M. Taylor
Mrs D. C. Hale	Mr E. Thomas
Miss P. Hall	Mrs J. Trett
Hever C E (Aided) Primary School	The Revd Canon E. R. Turner
Mr G. C. Jenkins	Mrs E. R. Turner
Miss M. E. Jeffreys	The Ven A. M. A. Turnbull
Mrs D. E. Keen	Mrs. A. M. A. Turnbull
Mr M. N. Kilpatrick	The Revd Canon S. Van Culin
	Mr. C. H. Yeomans

OBITUARY

We record with deep regret the death during the year of the following Friends.

Lord Astor	Miss C. M. Noakes
Mrs H. Baker	Lt Cmdr A. C. Painter
Miss S. G. Ball	Mrs V. D. Pugh
Mrs N. G. Christopherson	Mr A. G. Reed
Mr A. R. Gaylor	Miss E. A. Sharp
Capt G. H. J. Harper	Revd C. L. Smith
Lord Harris	Miss R. Standfield
Mr A. C. Hills	Mrs R. W. Stannard
Mr E. E. Jeffries	Mr J. E. Timmins
Miss H. M. Lawrence	Mr F. J. Wood
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Northfleet, St Botolph
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Offham, St Michael
Orpington, All Saints
Orpington, Christ Church
Otford, St Bartholomew
Paddock Wood, St Andrew
Pembury, St Peter
Penge, St Paul
Perry Street, All Saints
Petts Wood, St Francis
Plaistow (Bromley), St Mary
Platt, St Mary
Rainham, St Margaret
Riverhead, St Mary

Rosherville, St Mark
 Rusthall, St Paul
 Ryarsh, St Martin
 Seal, St Lawrence
 Sevenoaks, St Nicholas
 Sevenoaks, St John
 Sevenoaks, St Luke
 Sevenoaks Weald, St George
 Shipbourne, St Giles
 Shoreham, SS Peter and Paul
 Shorne, SS Peter and Paul
 Shortlands, St Mary
 Sidcup, St John
 Slade Green, St Augustine
 Snodland, All Saints with Christ Church
 Southborough, St Peter with Christ Church and St Matthew
 Southborough, St Thomas
 Speldhurst, St Mary The Virgin
 Stoke, SS Peter and Paul
 Stone, St Mary
 Strood, St Mary
 Strood, St Nicholas
 Sundridge, St Mary
 Sutton-at-Hone, St John the Baptist
 Swanley with Hextable, St Paul
 Swanscombe, SS Peter and Paul
 Tonbridge, SS Peter and Paul
 Tunbridge Wells, St Barnabas
 Tunbridge Wells, Holy Trinity
 Tunbridge Wells, King Charles the Martyr
 Underriver, St Margaret
 Waterringbury, St John the Baptist
 Westerham, St Mary the Virgin
 West Malling, St Mary
 Wilmington, St Michael and All Angels
 Wrotham, St George

Schools

Bromley, Ravensbourne School for Girls
 Chatham Grammar School for Girls
 Chevening C/E (Aided) Primary School
 Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School for Boys
 Crockham Hill C/E (Controlled) Primary School
 Delce County Junior School
 Fort Pitt School for Girls, Chatham
 Gads Hill Place School
 Gravesend School for Girls
 Hever C/E (Aided) Primary School
 King's School, Rochester
 King's School Junior School, Rochester
 Rochester Grammar School for Girls
 Rusthall, St Paul's C/E (Aided) Junior School
 Rusthall, St Paul's C/E (Aided) Junior School PTA
 The Howard School, Rainham
 Tonbridge School
 Tunbridge Wells, Bennett Memorial Diocesan School for Girls
 Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Girls

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 BBC Radio Kent
 Blue Circle Industries Ltd.
 Bourne & Hilliers Creameries Ltd.
 Brice, W. & Son Ltd.
 Invicta Co-operative Society
 Lloyds Bank Plc, Rochester
 Medway Ports Authorities
 Midland Bank Plc, Rochester
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Calendar of Events

Dates for 1985/6

June

- 8 King's School Commemoration
French Hospital Service
- 11 Pram and Buggy Service
- 15 Friends' Festival
- 16 Commemoration of Bishop John Fisher
- 23 Girl Guides' Service
- 30 Ordination

July

- 2, 3, 4 Church Day-Schools Festival
- 6 Maths School Commemoration

September

- 1 Royal Engineers' Memorial Service
- 7 Diocesan Choirs' Evensong
- 29 Ordination
Commemoration of Revocation of Edict of Nantes

October

- 5 Diocesan Choirs' Festival
- 6 Harvest Festival
- 9 Evensong broadcast on Radio 3
- 19 Diocesan Synod Holy Communion
London Bach Society Choir Concert

November

- 2 Admission, Licensing and Commissioning of Readers
- 10 Remembrance Day Service
- 25 Statutory Chapter

December

- 1 Advent Carol Service
- 23 Christmas Carol Service

January

- 4 Christingle Service

This is not a complete list but serves to indicate some of the special services that take place in the Cathedral.

Times of Services

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 08.00 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.45 Mattins
- 10.30 Sung Eucharist (Rite A)
- 15.15 Evensong
- 18.30 Evening Worship in the Quire

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

- 07.30 Mattins
- 08.00 Holy Communion (also 12.45 Thursday)
- 17.30 Evensong (15.15 Saturday)

The photograph on the cover shows the stonework around the west door which was this year conserved through the generosity of Australian Friends. The photographer was Dr. Henry Teed of Maidstone who is compiling an invaluable record of the Cathedral: we are greatly in his debt also.

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