

CATHEDRAL COMPANIONS' LINK

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Dear Companions, Parish Links and Friends,

Thank you to our members for your generous support and encouragement of the Wellington Cathedral Companions. With God's grace the Companions will continue to grow and flourish. It is an honour to be the chair of the committee of the Companions.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, and for your valuable feedback. Building on the survey, key goals to take the Companions through to 2025 are proposed. The first goal for the Companions is to support projects to enhance the fabric of the Cathedral. Fund raising for projects that fit within the goals of the Companions is part of our mission, and the first is the tour of Art in the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, 29 October. The second major goal is to involve the members of the Companions in interesting activities at the Cathedral, and also to visit other sites of significance in the Diocese.

As you will read, in 2024-2025 the committee is planning a visit to other churches in the area. The Companions will build on two themes. First, the legacy of Bishop Octavius Hadfield, the first priest to be ordained in New Zealand. Second, visiting the rural churches in our diocese designed by Frederick de Jersey Clere. With appreciation of your encouragement and support as the committee works to grow the Companions.

Anne Phillips, Companions Chair

UPDATE ON THE JULY QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for the responses we received, both online and on paper. There are close to 90 current Companions members, of whom about 40 are couples. There were 15 replies, of whom were 2 couples sending a single reply to the questionnaire. The responses were interesting and helpful to the committee in planning the up-coming programme.

Most popular were tours to churches in the Diocese and the annual Christmas function. Sunday afternoon functions before Choral Evensong, the Art and Architecture of the Cathedral and tours of seasonal interest also appealed. There was very low interest in events on days other than Sundays.

Enquiries are now underway for the feasibility of a half-day bus tour within the Diocese next year. We are considering destinations with our links to Bishop Octavius Hadfield and to Frederick de Jersey Clere, a New Zealand architect of a century ago, who designed many churches in the Diocese, including our Lady Chapel.

MEMORIAL CABINET

A new addition to the Cathedral's Nave is a splendid cabinet displaying the Book of Remembrance. All parishioners whose ashes are deposited into the Columbarium have a tribute inscribed onto a page in the Book. The Columbarium enables the ashes of other persons with special association with the Cathedral Parish or the Diocese to be deposited and tributed.

The glass-topped cabinet was made by hobby-cabinetmaker Chris Webster as a gift to the Cathedral. The ingenious use of recycled kauri and rimu certainly enhances the dignity of the memorial.

Chris chose to echo the design of Beverley Shore Bennett's baptismal font's pacific curved legs and the abstract figure decoration at the top of the nave windows. Next time you're in the Cathedral see if you spot the figure reflected in the cabinet's glass top.



OUR MAJOR PROJECT FOR 2024



Over the years Companions have raised funds to sponsor specific projects that enhance the Cathedral's fabric, and the most recent is assisting with the cost of the lovely chandelier that has been hung in the Holland Porch as part of its recent upgrade.

The committee is investigating a number of options suggested by the Vestry during this year.

These include:

- a screen of suitable design to be installed within the organ chamber, which would obscure the unsightly scaffolding that holds the organ pipes stored there since the 2016 earthquake
- a system of portable multi-functional lights to provide enhanced lighting effects for special events

Detailed information and quotations will be sought. An organ chamber screen would be a very large undertaking requiring a special fund-raising appeal.



ART TOUR IN THE CATHEDRAL - SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER AT 2PM

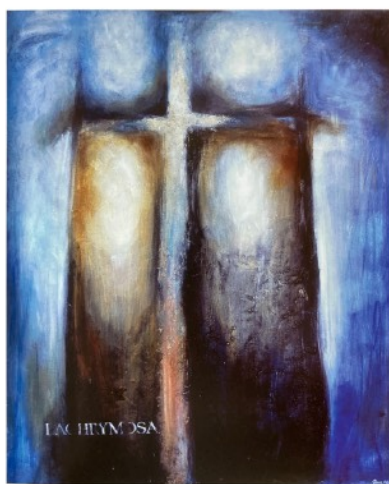
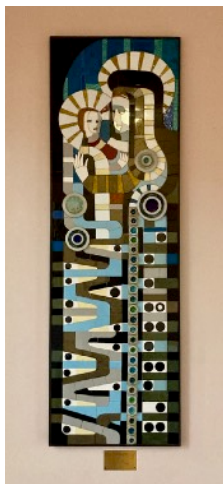
Here is an opportunity for members and non-members to learn about the remarkable taonga that the Cathedral has on display, and some of the background and history of their creators.

Matt Lawrence, the Cathedral's Artist-in-Residence and a member of our committee, will introduce works by New Zealand artists Melvin Day, John Hutton, Beverley Shore Bennett and Roy Cowan, among others. We will be led in groups to view and learn about these treasures.

Afternoon tea will be served before we gather in the Nave for Choral Evensong at 4pm.

This is a fund-raising event - \$15 per person, maximum 30 people.

Please contact Judy Berryman by phone (04 479 5384) or email (judyb@top.net.nz) to sign up.



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