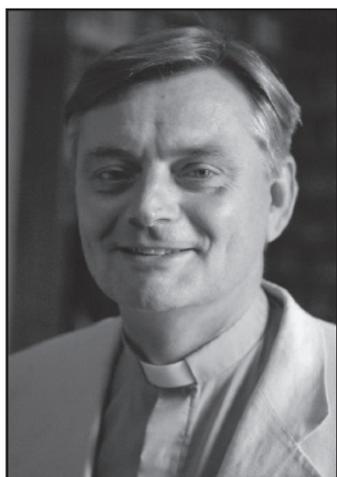


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## CATHEDRAL BEACON

The regular newsletter from the Development Office of Rochester Cathedral



### From the Dean Designate's desk...

It is with great joy that I am able to write to you as the Dean Designate of Rochester. Since the announcement by Downing Street in February I have been overwhelmed by the generous goodwill and

kind comments of so many people.

The challenges which face the Cathedral at present are certainly daunting, but I feel most blessed in being surrounded by such a dedicated and committed staff, supportive group of volunteers and enthusiastic cathedral community.

The task of raising a substantial endowment to secure the Cathedral's music and fabric is beyond the capability of any one person and so I know that it is only together that a difference can be made and provision for the Cathedral's future secured.

It is my hope that in the coming years more and more people will want to be part of the Rochester Cathedral family, not just because of its breath taking architecture and its inspirational music, but because they desire to be part of something bigger which gives meaning and purpose. I believe that what we are doing now is making an important contribution to the wider

community and hopefully leaving a legacy for future generations, which will enable them, in turn, to serve their generation. We must not let these stones fall silent, nor let them fall down! Yet, this is not because stones and music are in themselves important, but because they are vehicles through which the human spirit is elevated and our common humanity enriched.

May the Cathedral continue to be a place where together we 'grasp the heal of heaven' and find inspiration for living; thank you for helping to make it so.

Philip

Canon Dr Philip Hesketh  
Dean Designate of Rochester

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Press release  
**Dean of Rochester: Philip John Hesketh**

**From:** Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street  
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/prime-ministers-office-10-downing-street>)

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The Queen has approved the nomination of the Reverend Canon Dr Philip John Hesketh to the Deanery of the Cathedral Church Rochester.



The Queen has approved the nomination of the Reverend Canon Dr Philip John Hesketh, BD, AKC, PhD, Canon at Rochester Cathedral, to be appointed to the Deanery of the Cathedral Church Rochester.

Pledges and gifts for January to end February 2016 total

# £41,607.08

PLEASE HELP US AND DONATE NOW By phoning 01634 810074 or go to: [www.justgiving.com/rochestercathedral](http://www.justgiving.com/rochestercathedral) trust

## Cathedral Chorister and Kings Music Scholar represents Great Britain for second year!

Following another year of intensive auditions Edward Hyde has been awarded a place for the second year in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain (NCO) The auditions were held from October through to December and this year saw more applications than ever with the standard being exceptionally high.

With only five places being available on trombone for this orchestra, Edward has worked extremely hard to be offered a place and now represents Kings School for the County of Kent and Great Britain on trombone. A magnificent achievement.

This is fantastic news and certainly reflects and endorses the superb all round music education that being a chorister offers.



## Music for a Summer's Evening presented by the Friends of Rochester Cathedral:

A concert of Light and Classical Music at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday 23rd July 2016. Doors open 6.30pm for concert at 7pm. A light refreshment and drink during the interval is included in the Ticket Price of £10 (£8 for Friends).

Please contact The Friends Office on 01634 832142 for further details and ticket arrangements.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a pamphlet with information about The Friends of Rochester Cathedral whose main goal it is to preserve the heritage and fabric of the Cathedral.

For a minimum donation of just £10 per annum you could become a member of "The Friends" and be more involved in this wonderful organisation.

## Text donations via Just Giving

Donating a small gift has been made even easier now. All you need to do is text the message **RCTR46 £10**

to **70070**

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Other funding: Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust, Friends of Rochester Cathedral, Garfield Weston, Rochester Bridge Trust, Wolfson Foundation, Headley Trust, All Churches Trust, ChurchCare and Department for Culture, Media and Sport

## Visit to the Cathedral by HRH The Duke of Kent

We were delighted to host His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent on his first visit to Rochester Cathedral on 24th February.

He was in Rochester to officially open the new Rochester Station and was very pleased to be able to have a walk around the Cathedral, escorted by The Vice Lord Lieutenant Mr Richard Oldfield, Mr Russell Race DL and Mrs Gilly Wilford, our Executive Director and Chapter Clerk.

A light sandwich lunch was hosted by our Trustee Mr Philip Talboys in the elegant Minor Canon Row



*Being met at the Great West doors with The Dean Designate and The Vice Lord Lieutenant*



*In the Crypt*



*Looking up the Pilgrim Steps*

*Our grateful thanks to Geoff Matthews for the photographs.*

### Rochester Cathedral Trust financial summary for 2015

Trust Income	£321,763.44
Expenses	£ 40,008.44
Net profit	£251,303.67

This money received by The Trust was used to fund projects as follows:

Transfer to the Music Endowment	£95,178.98
Contribution to Ithamar Chapel project	£30,000.00
Contribution to Library project	£25,000.00
Open House (Food Bank) project	£ 1,000.00
Contribution to Music Running costs	£21,000.00

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7pm Saturday 14th May 2016 at Rochester Cathedral



A concert of popular music held within the stunning Rochester Cathedral  
Solo performances by Tracey Boulton, Soprano and  
Matthew Jones, Violinist

**Main Sponsor**

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£10 side aisle seating with restricted view  
Telephone: 0800 046 3396 or  
01634 810074

Enquiries: [development@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:development@rochestercathedral.org)



## Future Fund Raising Events for the diary

Wednesday 4th May	Rochester Cathedral Business Guild Breakfast meeting at The Commissioner's House in Chatham Historic Dockyard. Speaker: Tim Levey of Kreston Reeves "Improving Profit" Tickets £15 including full English breakfast. All guests are welcome.
Saturday 14th May  	London Welsh Male Voice Choir concert with soloist soprano Tracey Boulton and violinist Matthew Jones. Tickets unreserved in the Centre Nave £20 and Side Aisles (restricted view) £10. Available from 0800 046 3396 or 01634 810074. Email <a href="mailto:development@rochestercathedral.org">development@rochestercathedral.org</a> We are very grateful to our headline sponsor The Young Lives Foundation headed up by Mr Clive Emson and our partners The Institute of Directors.
Sunday 15th May	Rochester Cathedral Trust Annual Evensong 3.15pm All are welcome in the Quire.
Tuesday 5th July	Business Guild Summer Reception in the Crypt and Cathedral Roof Tour
Wednesday 14th September	Rochester Cathedral Business Guild Breakfast meeting at The Commissioner's House in Chatham Historic Dockyard. Speakers from Medway Council and KCC on the subject of "Selling to your Local Authority"
Friday 23rd September  	Brass Band concert in partnership with Abigails Footsteps.

**For more information on events, please contact Lynne Bax on 01634 810074  
or email [development@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:development@rochestercathedral.org)**

### **Christmas Cake fund raising raffle**

**Our thanks once again to Mrs Helen Bannister in The Cathedral Tea Rooms for her magnificent Christmas Cake, which she raffled in aid of Rochester Cathedral Trust. £210 was raised.**

**Thank you!**



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