

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SHRINE OF LADY JULIAN OF NORWICH AND TO ADVANCE RELIGION BY PROMOTING AND FURTHERING THE WORK OF THE SHRINE OF LADY JULIAN OF NORWICH.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£26,692	£20,058	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,856	£46,308	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,756	£40,559	-	-
2021-12-31	£39,182	£48,500	-	-
2020-12-31	£22,645	£19,748	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Cornes		2024-05-13
Dr Margaret-Mary McFadyen		2021-06-10
HOWARD GREEN		2014-01-08
Lesley Mitchell		2019-10-03
Lucy Elizabeth Care		2024-05-13
Rev Richard Oliver Stanton		2019-03-20
Sally-Anne Lomas		2018-05-08

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Easter Newsletter 2025

A Message from the Chair, Andrea O'Grady

Dear Friends & Companions,

It is such a pleasure to write to you as the new Chair of The Friends of Julian. Over the past few months this role has given me the opportunity to work alongside the Board of Trustees, to focus anew on our objectives; to share and spread the writings of Julian, to promote awareness of her life and work, and to inspire others with her message of God's unconditional love and compassion.

In her wise and wonderful words from Chapter 86 of *Revelations of Divine Love*, Julian says: *"For I saw very clearly that before God made us, He loved us; and that His love never diminishes and never ceases. And in this love He made us, and through this love He sustains us and in this love He will keep us for evermore."*

Here Julian reminds us of the simple truth of the eternal and unchanging nature of God's love. It is such a simple but profoundly powerful truth and in her writings Julian demonstrates time and again her ability to turn complex matters into uncomplicated ideas that are easy to grasp. And this power of simplicity is something I have returned to as I have explored the many ways The Friends of Julian can achieve its aims and objectives.

I look forward to working closely with Father Richard, Bishop Peter and The Julian Partnership – who in addition to their ministerial and pastoral duties do such wonderful work maintaining and managing the Julian Campus with the help of an indefatigable team of volunteers and Father Bruce and the Companions – whose support offers us such strength and comfort.

Currently there are several special projects that require both our attention and our financial support including substantial building works at St Julian's (including new disabled access and heating) and essential works to All Hallows Guest House. I am struck by how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful guest house on our campus, that has been transformed by Josiah English, and his team, into such a successful facility, hosting pilgrims and travellers from around



the world as well as supporting an engaging schedule of retreats and events. There are many exciting projects under discussion to help us raise awareness of Julian – from an archaeological dig to the creation of a spiritual garden alongside the planning of a landmark exhibition of Julian's *Revelations of Divine Love*.

And last but not least, alongside all of these wonderful and deserving initiatives (that require funding and resources) there is an ongoing need for funding to support the most disadvantaged families and residents of the parish.

To this end, The Friends of Julian are embarking upon a renewed fund raising program. Firstly we intend to improve our membership site with a new digital platform that will host a full program of courses, events, and workshops with engaging new content relating to Julian as a spiritual guide, historical figure, theologian and writer. Julian's shrine will be celebrated at the heart of the platform. We look forward to sharing more about this with you soon. We are also committed to working alongside The Partnership on a new program of grant applications to help us transform and support the campus. And finally we look forward to embarking upon a sponsorship drive for new patrons amongst Norwich's vibrant community.

So there is a lot to look forward to! But there is also plenty to reflect upon.

It is hard to believe that it is already a year since the last Festival where we enjoyed the pleasure of the former archbishop of Canterbury Rowan William's wonderful lecture, *"Julian on the Trinity"*, kindly hosted by Norwich Cathedral. His thoughtful and engaging talk preceded a festival packed with lively events – some in collaboration with the National Centre for Writing – including Cindy Oswin's acclaimed play *"Cell"* which was performed to a

packed audience at Dragon's Hall.

In September, St John's hosted the Friends of Julian's autumn retreat with Gail and Ian Adams – in collaboration with the Norwich Christian Meditation Centre – where people who had travelled from the four corners of the UK shared their life experiences and contemplative prayer. Later in the autumn, The Friends of Julian along with the National Centre for Writing invited author Hetta Howes to Norwich to discuss her new book, *"Poet, Mystic, Widow, Wife"*, in which she explored the lives of four medieval women including our own Julian. This packed event was wonderfully chaired by trustee, Sally Anne Lomas.

The ever increasing interest in Julian was witnessed by several national radio programs, including Radio 4's *"Free Thinking"* in November and BBC Radio 3's coverage of the BBC Singers concert, *"The Organ Reborn"* – which featured musical settings of Julian's *Revelations of Divine Love* by prominent women composers. Finally, the British Library's block-buster exhibition *"Medieval Women in Their Own Words"*, which ran from October 2024 to March 2025, opened to great acclaim and featured the manuscripts of both the long and the short texts of Julian's work.

On your behalf I would like to thank all the trustees for their generosity in giving their time and energy and great good humour to our shared work! I should like to thank Fred who steps down as a trustee after many years support to the board, and on a personal note I'm very grateful to ex Chair Shirley Buxton for her guidance and generous advice and to Secretary Howard Green and Vice Chair Lesley Mitchell for their indefatigable work, great good humour and wise counsel.

I wish everyone a very wonderful Easter. All good wishes, **Andrea**



Section of the Julian Window. © Evelyn Simak

NEWS FROM THE PRIEST DIRECTOR, FR RICHARD STANTON

Dear Friends,

Each day, Morning and Evening Prayer are offered publicly in St Julian's Church, and for these offices I have the privilege of sitting opposite the window set in the wall between the chancel and the reconstructed cell. Made by the Norwich firm G King & Son, that window will be familiar to many of you. It is placed where we believe Julian in her enclosure could have looked towards the Holy Sacrament reserved at the high altar, as it still is today, and where she could have participated in the offering of the Eucharist at that altar.

The window depicts Julian kneeling in a posture of prayer, her hands uplifted and stretched out. Above her is a scroll proclaiming her remarkable assurance: 'All shall be well.' Julian looks steadily, joyfully, in the direction of the figure of the crucified Lord, crowned with thorns and looking back at her. This scene of steady contemplation and hope encapsulates the attitude of Julian's entire life, an attitude which the celebration of Holy Week invites us to make our own: 'He loved me and gave

himself for me,' as St Paul puts it, and so 'it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.'

That window sometimes raises a question from visitors and pilgrims when they notice one distinctive element of it: Christ is shown crucified not on the rough wood of the Cross, a bitter instrument of painful death, but on a vigorously flowering lily. 'Why?' people ask.

Put crudely, the lily, symbolising purity, was often incorporated in mediaeval art depicting the Annunciation: Gabriel's visit to Mary and her acceptance of her vocation to be the Mother of God. Over time, an allusion to the forthcoming death of the Son whom she was conceiving was sometimes incorporated into such depictions, by superimposing a tiny figure of the crucified Christ onto the lily stem.

Gradually this developed into a particular mode of representing the Crucifixion, Christ crucified on the lily, symbolising the shared suffering of Mother and Son on Calvary, a suffering,

(continued overleaf)

of course, on which Julian was to ruminate so deeply and fruitfully in her *Revelations of Divine Love*: 'I saw part of the compassion of our Lady Saint Mary, for Christ and she were so united in love that the greatness of her love for him caused the intensity of her pain; in this I saw the essential character of the love, natural but maintained by grace, which all creation has for him; this natural love was shown in his dear Mother most abundantly, and indeed supremely, for just as her love for him surpassed that of anyone else, so did her suffering for him.'

At the English Reformation, many such lily crucifixes disappeared, and they can be found in mediaeval or modern forms in only a handful of churches, of which ours is one. To me, the image speaks not only of the union of Jesus and Mary in suffering ('a sword will

pierce your own soul too'), but also of the fruitfulness of the Cross, which has become a tree of life bearing fruit for the healing of the nations, Christ himself being the grain of which he spoke in St John's Gospel, falling and dying and only thus bringing forth fruit.

When the Angelus prayer is said each day, we end by asking that we 'who have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel [may] by his Cross and Passion be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.' This is my prayer for all the Friends and for all pilgrims to the Julian Shrine, that by the fruitful cross they may come to Resurrection joy, and share Julian's conviction as she looks at the lily crucifix in our window: all manner of thing shall be well.

Fr Richard



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT JULIAN AND THE FRIENDS...

Check out the website and keep an eye on our social media accounts to keep up to date with news and events from across the world.

www.julianofnorwich.org



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NEWS FROM THE JULIAN SHRINE

From the resident steward, Josiah English

As Easter approaches the whole Shrine team is tremendously grateful for all the blessings we have seen here at the Shrine over the last year.

We have faced challenges, but overwhelmingly feel a sense of gratitude for all the care and support shown to us by those who live and work at the Shrine, as well as all those nearby who are involved, and the many people who come to make pilgrimage to this place; their devotion and piety are inspirational and a constant reminder of our purpose here and the value of what we are seeking to protect, preserve and promote.

Spring is always a time of reflection for me and I think back to all the changes that have taken place since my arrival over three years ago: from the early days when I was one of only two people on staff (Fr Richard and myself) all the way to our present situation which includes another full time member of staff (Jordan), extra housekeeping assistance taken on in 2025 (Mark), our wonderful gardener (Elena) who joined us last year, and more - not to mention our invaluable volunteers - new and old - who keep the Shrine visitor centre open and

hospitable through sun and rain.

Having now served well over a thousand guests at All Hallows, I like to think that the guesthouse functions as a well-oiled machine most of the time, which leaves me time to consider what comes next and how we continue to fulfil our vision for a renewed Shrine and internationally significant place of pilgrimage. We want to stay true to our roots and build on our reputation for simplicity, care of the environment, and authentic welcome, not losing ourselves in the midst of change to a corporate image. But we also want to share the life and work of Julian with other generations who have yet to discover her. Bearing all that in mind, this year we will begin the tentative launch of what we hope will become an annual programme of events, retreats, quiet days, guided tours and more across the Shrine, which will enhance opportunities for our visitors to connect with Julian and - more importantly - through Julian, God. Watch this space!

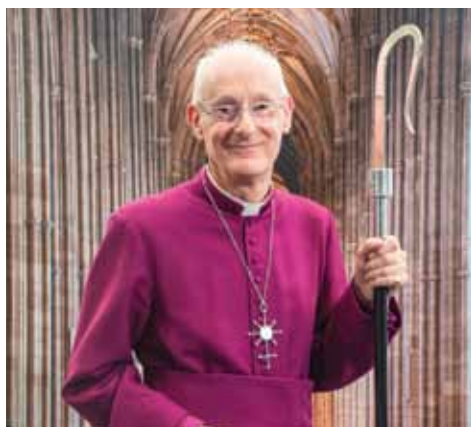
BISHOP PETER EAGLES

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Chair of the Julian Partnership.

Born in Surrey, I undertook my theological study and training for ordination at St Stephen's House, Oxford. Ordained deacon at St Paul's Cathedral in 1989, I served as curate in the parish of St Martin, Ruislip in the Diocese of London. I left in 1992, embarking upon a 25-year ministry as a Chaplain to the British Army.

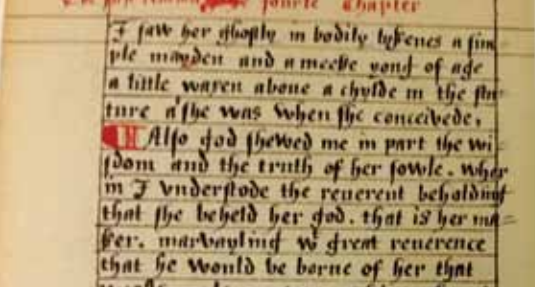
Accompanied by Gail, whom I met and married in Ruislip, and subsequently by our son, I spent 25 years ministering to soldiers and their families in garrisons across the British Isles and Germany. I also served on operational deployment in zones of conflict: Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Iraq in 2005, and Afghanistan in 2006. I left the Army as Deputy Chaplain-General and Archdeacon in 2017 upon my nomination as Bishop of Sodor and Man.

Sodor and Man is a diocese of the Church of England, consisting now of just the Isle of Man, and is indeed one of the very oldest, with its first bishop sent by St Patrick in 447. This Celtic diocese acquired a further richness of history during the Norse hegemony of the tenth century, the period of the founding of Tynwald, the Manx Parliament (and the oldest continuous parliament in the world), in which the Bishop still sits each week. I led the diocese through the pandemic of Covid-19, and spoke in Tynwald and across the Island's media on a range of ethical, moral and spiritual issues. I was (and continue to be) Ecumenical Lead Bishop on behalf of the Anglican Communion for our relationship with the Old Catholic Churches of the Union



of Utrecht. I laid down my crozier at the end of October 2023, when Gail and I moved to the pilgrimage village of Walsingham in Norfolk to lead a life of deeper study and prayer and to renovate and inhabit an ancient house. Both aspirations remain work in progress! I minister now, by the very kind permission of Bishop Graham, as an Honorary Assistant Bishop in this Diocese of Norwich.

The Julian Partnership is currently engaged in a number of projects, some arising from a Visioning Day held in October 2024. These include broadening the body of Trustees, to increase our areas of expertise and experience, as well as to make it ecumenically more representative; establishing long-term resilience with regard both to the ministry of the Shrine and its financial security; and a programme of development of the Guest House to equip it better for the increasing number of visitors. Numbers coming to the Shrine continue to grow, and this is very encouraging indeed for our aim of strengthening Julian's profile and renown. With an outstanding Hospitality Manager and an equally capable and inspiring Priest Director in place, the Partnership and Trustees look to the future with confidence and with hope, under the grace of God.



AN ESTONIAN TRANSLATION

With her texts, Julian of Norwich has left a message of love that is spreading all over the world, and the Friends of Julian of Norwich with their great commitment to her memory have contributed remarkably to keeping this message alive home and abroad.

Soon another translation of Julian's texts is going to begin. This time into Estonian, a small Finno-Ugric language in the Baltics, the North-Eastern edge of Europe. The translation will be published by Tallinn University Press, in the series of Bibliotheca Medievalis, and translated by Aet Varik – that is me, the author of this short notice.

The plan for this translation has been long in the making. I was first asked to contribute a little to the non-Latin part of an Estonian anthology of medieval literature, and translated some extracts of Julian's Vision, or the Short Text, as it is also called. Of course, even this short contribution required me to read a lot about Julian, and study both the Short Text and the Long Text in fullness.

Luckily, I was provided with an excellent publication for the original text, the version edited by Nicholas Watson and Jacqueline Jenkins, who have juxtaposed all the existing manuscripts of the Long Text in the Sloane and Paris libraries with the additional text of the original A Vision

Shewed to a Devout Woman, and by means of analysis and comparison created a synthesis of great significance. This comprises both A Vision and A Revelation.

At the moment, the translation is still in preparatory phase – I am reading Julian's texts, books about her and her contemporaries, as well as translating some extracts of the Book of Margery Kempe for the same anthology mentioned above – it has been in the making now for more than a decade, and I am very glad to have been able to contribute a little myself. Also, I consider this as a kind of warming-up before the great task.

In January last year, I had the good fortune to visit Norwich and stay at the Retreat House at St Julian's Church, and even be invited to dinner at home with Lesley Mitchell and her husband Andrew. During all my time in Norwich, I felt Julian's message to be heartwarmingly alive at the place where she lived and worked. Now I am looking forward to the very difficult but wonderful task of translating Julian's work into my native tongue, and once this is done, to sending a copy of my translation to your Reference Library. (See page 20 for a taster.)

Aet Varik Ringborg



THE JULIAN FESTIVAL 2025

Friday 9th & Saturday 10th May

We're thrilled that The Julian Festival is returning in May. With two days of talks and services as well as the Friends of Julian Annual General Meeting, we'd love to see you there.

Friday 9th May

5pm Mass at St Julian's Church

7pm Breaking the Habit: The Allure of Nuns in Storytelling, National Centre for Writing, Dragon Hall, Norwich

Saturday 10th May

10.30-11.30am Festival Eucharist at St Julian's Church led by Fr Richard Stanton. With Reception of new Companions (CJN) and renewal of vows.

11.30am-12pm Refreshments at Julian Centre

12pm-1.15pm 44th Annual Julian Lecture: Julian of Norwich – Having it All?

Given by Dr Hetta Howes St Julian's Church

1.15pm-14.15pm Lunch – please bring your own, or there are several cafes nearby. The Julian Centre will be open for hot drinks.

2.15pm-3.15pm Friends of Julian AGM at St Julian's Church

3.30pm Closing Prayer by Fr Richard Stanton 15.30

IMAGES: Hazel nut image by Lesley Mitchell, RIGHT: Dr Hetta Howes.

THE JULIAN FESTIVAL PANEL DISCUSSION

BREAKING THE HABIT: THE ALLURE OF NUNS IN STORYTELLING

We are also delighted that Hetta will be joining us for the panel discussion *Breaking the Habit: The Allure of Nuns in Storytelling* as part of the Julian Festival in partnership with the National Centre for Writing.

From Hollywood films like *Conclave* and *Immaculate* to Claire Keegan's novel *Small Things Like These*, our culture is captivated by nuns and the cloistered life. What draws us to the confinement and devotion of this religious figure?

Join our panellists — non-fiction writer Hetta Howes (*Poet, Mystic, Widow, Wife*), novelist Jess Kidd (*Murder at Gull's Nest*), and memoirist and former nun Catherine Coldstream (*Cloistered*) — as they explore the inner and creative freedom embodied by nuns and why they continue to inspire writers, filmmakers, and artists alike. Their discussion will be chaired by Sally-Anne Lomas, trustee of the Friends of Julian and director of *The Search for the lost Manuscript: Julian of Norwich* BBC4

FRIDAY 9th MAY, 7PM, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR WRITING, £10

Visit the National Centre for Writing's website to book:

www.nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk/events/breaking-the-habit-the-allure-of-nuns-in-storytelling/

THE JULIAN FESTIVAL LECTURE

JULIAN OF NORWICH – HAVING IT ALL?

The Julian Lecture 2025 will be given by the lively and entertaining Dr Hetta Howes who is a Lecturer in Medieval and Early Modern Literature at City, University of London, and a BBC/AHRC New Generation Thinker.

Hetta regularly contributes to broadcasts on BBC Radio 3 and 4, as well as writing for publications such as The Times Literary Supplement and BBC History Extra. Her new book *Poet, Mystic, Widow, Wife* is written for a popular audience and features both Julian of Norwich and Margery Kempe.

Hetta's lecture is entitled *Julian of Norwich: Having it All?* There were plenty of medieval women who were trying to 'have it all' - a career, a family, friends and passions - just as there are today. Julian of Norwich was not one of those women. When she decided to become an anchoress, she cut herself off almost entirely from the outside world and dedicated her entire life to one goal: devotion to God. By sticking to one path and rejecting the concept of having it all, Julian was able to create something beautiful - her life's work, *The Revelations of Divine Love*.

This lecture will consider the concept of 'having it all' in terms of Julian's vocation - how did she manage to find creative freedom and personal liberation in narrowing her focus dramatically?

SATURDAY 10th MAY, 12noon, ST JULIAN'S CHURCH



Image from the British Library Collection



REVIEW: MEDIEVAL WOMEN IN THEIR OWN WORDS

The British Library's blockbuster exhibition, *Medieval Women In Their Own Words*, opened to great acclaim on 25 October 2024 and ran until 2 March 2025.

It provided a wonderful opportunity to see the manuscripts of both the long and the short texts of Julian of Norwich's *Revelations of Divine Love*, beautifully displayed next to each other, and close to spiritual texts by other medieval women, including works by Margery Kempe, Hildegard von Bingen, Brigitte of Sweden and Christine de Pizan.

There was also an order for enclosing an anchoress (British Library, Lansdowne MS 451) and the often-quoted *Ancrene Wisse* or *Anchoresses' Guide* (British Library, Cotton MS Cleopatra C VI), which is the source of claims that Julian must have had a cat. The exhibition curators displayed the manuscript open at the relevant page, which instructs the three anchoress sisters to whom it was written in the 1210s, "Ne schule ye habben nan beast bute cat ane" ("You should not have any animal except one cat")

Julian's Short Text (British Library, Add MS 37790) was displayed open at the passage in which she described being shown all of creation as a small ball the size of a hazelnut. The Long Text

(British Library, Stowe MS 42) was open at the start of the first chapter, where the neat 17th century hand of its copyist seems quite startling after looking at example after example of manuscripts from the medieval period (1100-1500). It's a stark reminder that the Long Text only survived thanks to nuns exiled from England to Paris and Cambrai.

There was also an interactive exhibit that contrasted Julian's vision of the devil in her sixteenth showing with Margery Kempe's description of the sweet smell that surrounded her in the presence of angels when she married Christ in one of her visions in Rome. Opening Julian's door released a scent of fire and brimstone, whilst Margery Kempe's door emitted a sweet, syrupy fragrance.

It was profoundly moving to see Julian's texts in close proximity to works by other spiritual women from the same era. There were also exhibits covering work-life and home-life, and the exhibition as a whole wrote women's voices back into our understanding of the Middle Ages, using, as the exhibition title suggests, their own words. [Anne Welsh](#)



THE JULIAN CENTRE

Don't forget to pop into The Julian Centre if you're in Norwich. It has an excellent selection of books and gifts and is located right next to the Church. Opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10am to 3.30pm.

REVIEW OF THE 2024 AUTUMN RETREAT

At the end of September 2024 I was blessed to attend a 2 day Autumn retreat, *Revelations of Divine Love*, led by Gail and Ian Adams, Chaplains at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, which was organised by the Friends of Julian and the Norwich Christian Meditation Centre. I resolved to set both days aside and disengage from everyday concerns and mobile phone communications – which is not often easy!

Each day was shaped around two main themes taken from the writings of Julian of Norwich. There was plenty of time built in for quiet contemplation, reflection and prayer which I found most valuable. The words of Julian, which can seem quite complex, were presented in an understandable and relevant way and we were challenged to consider their meaning and what gifts we might have received from God as a result. The content was rich, and there was great use of art, poetry and photography to help illustrate Julian's words.

St John's Church, Timberhill was an appropriate venue, being both beautiful and spacious. The whole retreat had a lovely relaxed and contemplative atmosphere to it, and it was clear that during the break times we were very welcome to bring questions or discussion points to Gail and Ian.

We were also fortunate on both days to be invited to Mass led by Fr Richard Stanton at the Julian Church and at St John's, at which we were made very welcome.

It was a wonderful opportunity to consider the words of Julian more deeply and to examine what they might mean for me at that point in my life. I felt spiritually rejuvenated as a result.

Thank you so much to Gail and Ian, Fr Richard Stanton and to all those who organised the event and worked so hard behind the scenes to provide a unique experience and superb hospitality.

Eleanor Laming



THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Report May 2024 – May 2025

1. The Objects of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

The Charity's objects ("the objects") are to advance the education of the public in the Shrine of Lady Julian of Norwich and to advance religion by promoting and furthering the work of the Shrine of Lady Julian of Norwich.

In furtherance of the above the Friends shall:

- (a) increase public awareness and knowledge of the life and writings of Julian of Norwich;
- (b) increase public awareness of the Julian Cell and encourage visits;
- (c) foster spirituality:
 - (i) engage in regular prayer
 - (ii) provide financial support for the upkeep and maintenance of the Julian Cell or such other religious or secular organisations promoting Julian of Norwich or spirituality in general
 - (iii) provide facilities for pilgrims and other visitors
 - (iv) provide and maintain a reference library of books on Julian and on spirituality in general
 - (v) make available for purchase books on Julian and on spirituality
 - (vi) produce or assist in the production of literature on Julian
 - (vii) publish a newsletter for members
 - (viii) promote scholarship, preaching, study and research on Julian
 - (ix) give or arrange for talks and lectures to be given on Julian
 - (x) assist in maintaining and improving the Julian Cell.



2. Membership, 31 December 2024

At the end of last year there were 2,188 members worldwide. If Friends from any country or region want us to arrange contact with each other, please let our Secretary know: howard.green@julianofnorwich.org

Argentina	1	India	2	Phillipines	2
Australia	35	Ireland	11	Poland	1
Brazil	1	Italy	1	Portugal	2
Canada	29	Japan	1	Singapore	1
China	1	Luxembourg	1	South Africa	2
Czech Republic	1	Malawi	1	Sweden	5
Denmark	1	Malaysia	1	Switzerland	1
Finland	3	Malta	1	Taiwan	1
France	6	Mexico	1	Togo	1
Germany	2	Netherlands	3	UK	836
Greece	1	New Zealand	6	US	226
Hong Kong	1	Norway	1	Unknown (email)	998

3. Trustees & Executive Committee

The trustees of the registered charity and the charity’s Executive Committee are one and the same. The trustees that were agreed at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) (see minutes in this newsletter) were in place all year and during the year a further three trustees, Annelise Savill, Margit Thofner and Gwynne Wright CJN, were co-opted, and now seek election to the Board by the members at the 2025 AGM. After very many years’ service Fred Thompson CJN offered his resignation. Any Friend of Julian wishing to nominate any trustee to stand for election for the coming year should inform the secretary@julianofnorwich.org by 1st May 2025.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY 11th MAY 2024

1. APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Lucy Care, Ron Ingamells, Liz Thomas amongst others.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM on Saturday 13th May 2023

There were no comments. The minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record of the AGM. Fred Thompson proposed Richard Norton seconded.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT ON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2023

Pre-examination accounts are present in the Annual Report. Copies of the post-examination accounts are available today and were handed to one meeting attendee who was able to ask questions about them. One point was clarified, namely that the word 'deficit' describes only a transfer between account headings; at no point did the Friends go into deficit in the last financial year. They will be sent to the Charity Commission shortly.

A question about publishing balance sheet in the Newsletter. There is insufficient time to have the full accounts examined before the newsletter is published and therefore the balance sheet has to wait until the Examined Accounts, which are available at today's meeting and can be sent out on request.

Point raised about the membership numbers was clarified. No distinction is made between subscribing Friends and e.g. those who just sign up for e-newsletter. We are encouraging subscriptions, but it is not a strict requirement.

There has been expenditure supporting the 40th Anniversary of the Friends of Julian activities this year. Jenni Hancock, Treasurer, reported:

"My pre-examination income & expenditure figures and written report were circulated in the recent newsletter.

The 'designated' column includes monies restricted to the Bench Appeal which is shown separately in the full accounts. Otherwise, there are no changes.

Copies of the examined accounts, including the Statement of Assets and

Liabilities are available and will be submitted to the Charity Commission in due course.

My thanks to Nicholas Fudge for his independent examination.

Last year's anniversary activities were a great success, supported locally and internationally. The trustees had set aside a sum from reserves for this ambitious programme with the understanding that a project of this size may cost more. While the final cost was more than anticipated, the shortfall was largely covered by a £2,000 legacy received in 2022.

The general income was sufficient to cover regular activities and administration with a modest surplus. Our sincere appreciation to all our supporters for your subscriptions, donations, and purchases. Thanks also to Stephanie and Shirley for their key roles in our online shop.

To summarise, we ended 2023 with cash assets of £73k (£24k General / £49k Designated & Restricted) and total assets of £86k (£38k General/ £48k D&R)

This healthy financial position means that the trustees are able to explore new ways of promoting Julian while maintaining enough reserves for future outgoings."

Acting Chair Lesley Mitchell thanked Jenni for her professionalism in presenting the accounts. Patricia Menaul seconded that the annual accounts were accepted. The annual accounts were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

5. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2021 TO MAY 2022

This had been circulated prior to the AGM, which is included in the Easter Newsletter, copies of which were available to attendees of the AGM. There were no matters arising from the report. They were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

6. ELECTION OF NEW TRUSTEES TO FRIENDS OF JULIAN

Shirley Buxton is standing down after many years, and latterly a long stint as Chair. In recent months, Shirley has been facilitating the transition to the future by supporting Lesley Mitchell as Acting Chair. Felicity Maton is standing down after even more years as a trustee. Neither are ceasing involvement altogether and hope to be able to be involved in whatever ways may be beneficial.

Replacing these two vacancies, Andrea Cornes (co-opted to the Trustees during the past year) and Lucy Care (who led on the exhibition Love Is the Meaning last autumn) have offered their services. These two were unanimously approved and thanked. Two further places are available for co-option during the year.

Shirley Buxton extended her warm appreciation to Brian Thorne, Felicity Maton, Lesley Mitchell, Bruce Batstone, CJN, Howard Green, and Richard Stanton for all the support that they have provided to her during her time as trustee and Chair of the Friends.

Members of the floor (Richard Norton, CJN, Jill Butterworth, CJN, Felicity Maton, and Howard Green) all spoke their warm appreciation of the efforts of the trustees generally, over the years and recently, and of Shirley's and Felicity's contributions particularly.

Following this meeting the position of the Trustees is now as shown on page 16:

NAME	TYPE	YRS SERVED
1. Revd Richard Stanton	Priest for St John's Timberhill with St Julian's	Ex Officio
2. Unfilled :	A member of the Community of All Hallows	Ex Officio
3. Andrea Cornes	Elected 1 of between 5 and 9	0
4. Lucy Care	Elected 2 of between 5 and 9	0
5. Howard Green	Elected 3 of between 5 and 9	2
6. Margaret-Mary McFadyen	Elected 4 of between 5 and 9	3
7. Sally-Anne Lomas	Elected 5 of between 5 and 9	3
8. Lesley Mitchell	Elected 6 of between 5 and 9	4
9. Fred Thompson, CJN	Elected 6 of between 5 and 9	3
	CJN representative	

7. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINER

This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. AOB

9. Thank Yous

Lesley Mitchell thanked the Priest Director Revd Richard Stanton and Secretary Howard Green for their support. Felicity Maton and Shirley Buxton were also thanked for the loyalty, devotion, and energy they had given to the Friends. They were presented with flowers..

10. NEXT YEAR'S AGM DATE

Saturday 10th May 2025. Agenda is available on page 20.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Jenni Hancock

I am delighted to report that the Friends of Julian of Norwich have maintained a healthy financial stance throughout 2024 and ended the year with a surplus.

2024 marked the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Friends. As part of the Julian Festival, we were thrilled to collaborate with The National Centre for Writing where Cindy Oswin performed her play 'CELL', funded by a generous donation of £1,000.

The charity received a generous legacy gift which was unrestricted and added to general funds.

Other voluntary income and sales decreased slightly from 2023, while income from events was significantly higher (disregarding last year's anniversary income).

General expenditure was broadly on a par with last year and, more importantly, did not exceed income. Our thanks to all our supporters for their generosity, enabling the Friends to meet their costs – it is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the annual £5,000 contribution towards the Priest Director, the trustees were pleased to award £1,195 to the Julian Partnership for improvements

to the garden area. This was funds raised by Shirley Buxton's 'Big Splash' and held in a restricted fund awaiting a suitable project.

The charity's free reserves at the end of 2024 increased to £32,400, approximately 18 months expenditure. The trustees are looking at ways to best use some of these reserves in the near future.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME	2024 General	2024 Designated	2023 Total
Friends' subscriptions, donations, Companions' gifts	£13,002.92	£0.00	£17,997.45
Legacy gift	£1,645.25	£0.00	£0.00
Grant received	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
Festival & Events (includes bench appeal)	£5,223.12	£0.00	£6,856.43
Bank Interest	£454.53	£863.69	£1,094.29
Sales	£5,631.88	£0.00	£6,347.57
Purchase of stock by partners	£660.00	£0.00	£1,577.90
Miscellaneous income	£75.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£26,692.70	£1,863.69	£33,873.64
EXPENDITURE	2024 General	2024 Designated	2023 Total
Purchase of Stock	£4,022.96	£0.00	£4,533.98
Bank and online partner charges	£1,260.11	£0.00	£1,932.57
Other expenses (eg promotion, postage)	£1,477.18	£0.00	£1,362.26
Charitable activities (eg newsletter, events)	£7,010.43	£1,000.00	£26,750.64
Depreciation of fixed assets (fixtures & pc)	£0.00	£0.00	£288.00
Contribution to Julian of Norwich Partnership	£0.00	£6,195.00	£5,000.00
Running Expenses (utilities, website, admin)	£5,627.75	£0.00	£7,318.02
Purchase of stock for partners	£660.00	£0.00	£1,577.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	£20,058.43	£7,195.00	£48,463.39
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) for the year	£6,634.27	(£5,331.31)	(£14,889.73)

REVIEW OF THE 2024 JULIAN LECTURE

The Julian lecture of 2024 celebrated the fortieth anniversary year of the 'Friends of Julian'.

It was given on 11th May by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, on the topic of 'Julian and the Trinity'.

Most appropriately, it was held in Norwich cathedral, dedicated to none other than the 'Holy and Undivided Trinity'.



Above: Dr Williams at St Julian's Church after the lecture.

Dr Williams's lecture was an absolute treat. He is a lively speaker but, at the same time, an immensely learned and thoughtful theologian. Throughout his talk, his profound respect for Julian's equally deep learning shone through. Certainly, Julian wears her theological learning lightly in her writings, perhaps out of charity to her readers but perhaps also not to upset the male-dominated Church hierarchy of her day. But, as Dr Williams so eloquently demonstrated, it is nevertheless there, underpinning all of her thinking. In his exposition, one of the most striking things about Julian's book is its intellectual coherence, the inexorable logic with which she pursues her arguments. At the centre of that logic lies the Trinity, evident at a basic level in Julian's favourite rhetorical device of arguing in groups of three but also at the most exalted conceptual level, embedded in how she understands the relationship between God and humanity.

We are, in Julian's view, 'beclosed in the Trinity', where the substance of our humanity belongs. At least as I understood it, Dr Williams's argument is that Julian identifies and underscores the 'original good' in our frail humanity in a manner that challenges the St Augustine's concept of 'original sin', a fundamental doctrine of medieval Christianity. At the same time, Julian stays just on the right side of what constituted Christian orthodoxy in her time; she was far too clever to write something that would openly confront the powers-that-be.

In general, it was a wonderfully illuminating, at times entertaining and yet intellectually stimulating lecture – a fine contribution to what is now a firmly established tradition.

Margit Thofner

COMPANIONS' REPORT

from Fr Bruce-Julian Batstone CJN OboJN



The Companions of Julian is a growing communion of women and men for whom solitude, silence and intercession are hallmarks of life, inspired by the example and teachings of Mother Julian. Our international membership numbers: UK 28; Scandinavia 1; N America 10; Australia/New Zealand 6.

A group of Companions has recently led a quiet morning and quiet afternoon (different time zones necessitate flexible meeting arrangements) offering online space to be silent together, to reflect and discuss in small groups. We hope to repeat this again soon, as a way to support established Companions of Julian alongside enquirers and aspirants.

JULIAN NEWS FROM FLORIDA

In March Stephen Hoffman, CJN, held a Julian Workshop at the local United Methodist Church in Sarasota, Florida, US.

For many of the twelve enthusiastic participants this was an introduction to Julian of Norwich. They watched *The Search for The Lost Manuscript*, the film directed by FOJ trustee Sally-Anne Lomas, released in 2016. Stephen also showed photographs of the Cloth of Kindness <https://www.clothofkindness.co.uk/projects>, produced for the Julian 650th anniversary.

On Good Friday a Centering Prayer vigil will take place, shaped around the seven last words of Christ on the Cross, and accompanied by reflections from Julian's Revelations with space for silence.



Image from the Julian Workshop



THE JULIAN FESTIVAL 2025

Friday 9th & Saturday 10th May

We're so pleased that the Festival returns in May and would love to see you there. Please see pages 8 & 9 for more information about the events taking place, including the AGM of the Friends of Julian.

FRIENDS OF JULIAN AGM AGENDA

AGENDA of AGM of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

Saturday 10th May 2025 at 2.15pm

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last AGM on 11th May 2024
3. Matters arising
4. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, together with the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending May 2025
5. To elect members of the Board of Trustees
6. Appointment of Financial Examiner
7. Any other business

Please notify the Secretary by 6 May 2025 of any items to be discussed or proposals regarding trustee membership: howard.green@julianofnorwich.org

THE BEGINNING OF JULIAN'S SHORT TEXT IN ESTONIAN

Here's the first part of the Estonian translation by Aet (see page 6 for more info).

Siin on nägemus, mille Jumal oma headuses on ilmutanud vagale naisele. Ja tema nimi on Julian, erak Norwichist, ning ta on elavate kirjas ka praegu, anno Domini 1413. Tema nägemuses on leida palju trööstivaid sõnu ja suurt innustust! kõikidele, kes ihkavad oma südames olla Kristuse armastajad.

Here is a vision which God in his goodness has revealed to a pious woman. And her name is Julian, a hermit of Norwich, and she is on the register of the living even now, anno Domini 1413. In her vision are to be found many words of comfort and great encouragement to all who desire in their hearts to be lovers of Christ.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2024

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

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THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Receipts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024 General	2024 Designated	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Donations:					
Membership Subscriptions	5,777	0	0	5,777	5,520
Companions Donations	5,250	0	0	5,250	5,432
Other Donations	1,105	0	0	1,105	5,826
Tax refundable on Gift Aid	871	0	0	871	1,220
Legacies	1,645	0	0	1,645	0
	14,648	0	0	14,648	17,998
Operating Activities to further Charity's Objects:					
Sales	5,632	0	0	5,632	6,348
Festival and Events	5,223	0	0	5,223	6,856
	10,855	0	0	10,855	13,204
Other Receipts					
Miscellaneous income	75	0	0	75	0
Purchase of stock by partners	660	0	0	660	1,578
	735	0	0	735	1,578
Investment Income:					
Bank Interest	455	864	0	1,318	1,094
	455	864	0	1,318	1,094
Grants					
Grant funding	0	0	1,000	1,000	0
Total Receipts	26,692	864	1,000	28,556	33,874
Total Payments (page 2)	(20,058)	(5,000)	(2,195)	(27,253)	(48,763)
Transfer between funds	302	(302)	0	0	0
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	6,937	(4,438)	(1,195)	1,304	(14,889)

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024 General	2024 Designated	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds					
Purchase of Stock	4,023	0	0	4,023	4,534
Postage of stock sold	1,370	0	0	1,370	1,362
Charges - bank and online partners	1,260	0	0	1,260	1,933
Advertising & promotion	107	0	0	107	0
	6,760	0	0	6,760	7,829
Charitable Activities					
Newsletter/materials production and postage	1,530	0	0	1,530	3,484
Festival and Events Expenses	3,702	0	1,000	4,702	21,680
Social Media Project	1,778	0	0	1,778	1,587
Contribution to the Julian Partnership	0	5,000	1,195	6,195	5,000
	7,010	5,000	2,195	14,205	31,751
Management & Administration					
Insurance	708	0	0	708	665
Online Outreach	2,525	0	0	2,525	2,650
Printing and Stationery	99	0	0	99	180
Accountancy Fees	150	0	0	150	150
Bookkeeping Fees	1,493	0	0	1,493	2,408
Membership Administration	411	0	0	411	645
Miscellaneous Expenditure	90	0	0	90	89
Purchase of stock for partners	660	0	0	660	1,578
Trustees' Expenses	41	0	0	41	0
Trustee Meetings	111	0	0	111	0
Training	0	0	0	0	530
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	288
	6,288	0	0	6,288	9,183
Total Payments	20,058	5,000	2,195	27,253	48,763

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	2024 General	2024 Designated	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Bank Balances					
Nat West Current	8,597	0	0	8,597	5,573
Barclays	1,380	0	0	1,380	1,382
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	7,760	43,581	0	51,341	1,058
Nationwide Business Saver	15,000	0	0	15,000	65,000
Paypal	318	0	0	318	193
Ebay	22	0	0	22	30
	33,077	43,581	0	76,658	73,236
Other Monetary assets					
Stock Value at 31.12.2024 at Cost	4,527	0	0	4,527	6,760
	4,527	0	0	4,527	6,760
Investment Assets					
ISBN registration fee	48	0	0	48	48
Valuation of Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use					
Computer and other equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Reference Library books	8,099	0	0	8,099	7,059
	8,099	0	0	8,099	7,059
Plus Debtors note 1	230	0	0	230	752
Less Creditors note 2	892	1,250	0	2,142	1,738
Total Net Assets and Reserves	45,089	42,331	0	87,420	86,117

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Note to The Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	2024 General	2024 Designated	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Note 1					
Debtors					
Sale of exhibition piece	0	0	0	0	45
Sale of stock	50	0	0	50	0
Miscellaneous income	0	0	0	0	334
Tax refundable on Gift Aid (claimed)	180	0	0	180	325
Online outreach (paid in advance)	0	0	0	0	48
	230	0	0	230	752

Note 2

Creditors

Membership Administration	17	0	0	17	11
Accountancy	150	0	0	150	150
Book keeper	131	0	0	131	114
Social Media Lead	0	0	0	0	89
Online Outreach	539	0	0	539	0
Postage of stock sold	55	0	0	55	124
Contribution to the Julian Partnership	0	1,250	0	1,250	1,250
	892	1,250	0	2,142	1,738

Certificate of Approval

Approved by the Friends of Julian of Norwich at the AGM on Saturday 10th May 2025, and signed by:

Andrea Cornes - Chair

Howard Green - Secretary

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages one to four.

Respective Responsibilities of Officers and Examiner

The Charity's Officers are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The Charity's Officers consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the Accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Nicholas Fudge
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THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Easter Newsletter 2025

A Message from the Chair, Andrea O'Grady

Dear Friends & Companions,

It is such a pleasure to write to you as the new Chair of The Friends of Julian. Over the past few months this role has given me the opportunity to work alongside the Board of Trustees, to focus anew on our objectives; to share and spread the writings of Julian, to promote awareness of her life and work, and to inspire others with her message of God's unconditional love and compassion.

In her wise and wonderful words from Chapter 86 of *Revelations of Divine Love*, Julian says: *"For I saw very clearly that before God made us, He loved us; and that His love never diminishes and never ceases. And in this love He made us, and through this love He sustains us and in this love He will keep us for evermore."*

Here Julian reminds us of the simple truth of the eternal and unchanging nature of God's love. It is such a simple but profoundly powerful truth and in her writings Julian demonstrates time and again her ability to turn complex matters into uncomplicated ideas that are easy to grasp. And this power of simplicity is something I have returned to as I have explored the many ways The Friends of Julian can achieve its aims and objectives.

I look forward to working closely with Father Richard, Bishop Peter and The Julian Partnership – who in addition to their ministerial and pastoral duties do such wonderful work maintaining and managing the Julian Campus with the help of an indefatigable team of volunteers and Father Bruce and the Companions – whose support offers us such strength and comfort.

Currently there are several special projects that require both our attention and our financial support including substantial building works at St Julian's (including new disabled access and heating) and essential works to All Hallows Guest House. I am struck by how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful guest house on our campus, that has been transformed by Josiah English, and his team, into such a successful facility, hosting pilgrims and travellers from around



the world as well as supporting an engaging schedule of retreats and events. There are many exciting projects under discussion to help us raise awareness of Julian – from an archaeological dig to the creation of a spiritual garden alongside the planning of a landmark exhibition of Julian's *Revelations of Divine Love*.

And last but not least, alongside all of these wonderful and deserving initiatives (that require funding and resources) there is an ongoing need for funding to support the most disadvantaged families and residents of the parish.

To this end, The Friends of Julian are embarking upon a renewed fund raising program. Firstly we intend to improve our membership site with a new digital platform that will host a full program of courses, events, and workshops with engaging new content relating to Julian as a spiritual guide, historical figure, theologian and writer. Julian's shrine will be celebrated at the heart of the platform. We look forward to sharing more about this with you soon. We are also committed to working alongside The Partnership on a new program of grant applications to help us transform and support the campus. And finally we look forward to embarking upon a sponsorship drive for new patrons amongst Norwich's vibrant community.

So there is a lot to look forward to! But there is also plenty to reflect upon.

It is hard to believe that it is already a year since the last Festival where we enjoyed the pleasure of the former archbishop of Canterbury Rowan William's wonderful lecture, *"Julian on the Trinity"*, kindly hosted by Norwich Cathedral. His thoughtful and engaging talk preceded a festival packed with lively events – some in collaboration with the National Centre for Writing – including Cindy Oswin's acclaimed play *"Cell"* which was performed to a

packed audience at Dragon's Hall.

In September, St John's hosted the Friends of Julian's autumn retreat with Gail and Ian Adams – in collaboration with the Norwich Christian Meditation Centre – where people who had travelled from the four corners of the UK shared their life experiences and contemplative prayer. Later in the autumn, The Friends of Julian along with the National Centre for Writing invited author Hetta Howes to Norwich to discuss her new book, *"Poet, Mystic, Widow, Wife"*, in which she explored the lives of four medieval women including our own Julian. This packed event was wonderfully chaired by trustee, Sally Anne Lomas.

The ever increasing interest in Julian was witnessed by several national radio programs, including Radio 4's *"Free Thinking"* in November and BBC Radio 3's coverage of the BBC Singers concert, *"The Organ Reborn"* – which featured musical settings of Julian's *Revelations of Divine Love* by prominent women composers. Finally, the British Library's block-buster exhibition *"Medieval Women in Their Own Words"*, which ran from October 2024 to March 2025, opened to great acclaim and featured the manuscripts of both the long and the short texts of Julian's work.

On your behalf I would like to thank all the trustees for their generosity in giving their time and energy and great good humour to our shared work! I should like to thank Fred who steps down as a trustee after many years support to the board, and on a personal note I'm very grateful to ex Chair Shirley Buxton for her guidance and generous advice and to Secretary Howard Green and Vice Chair Lesley Mitchell for their indefatigable work, great good humour and wise counsel.

I wish everyone a very wonderful Easter. All good wishes, **Andrea**



Section of the Julian Window. © Evelyn Simak

NEWS FROM THE PRIEST DIRECTOR, FR RICHARD STANTON

Dear Friends,

Each day, Morning and Evening Prayer are offered publicly in St Julian's Church, and for these offices I have the privilege of sitting opposite the window set in the wall between the chancel and the reconstructed cell. Made by the Norwich firm G King & Son, that window will be familiar to many of you. It is placed where we believe Julian in her enclosure could have looked towards the Holy Sacrament reserved at the high altar, as it still is today, and where she could have participated in the offering of the Eucharist at that altar.

The window depicts Julian kneeling in a posture of prayer, her hands uplifted and stretched out. Above her is a scroll proclaiming her remarkable assurance: 'All shall be well.' Julian looks steadily, joyfully, in the direction of the figure of the crucified Lord, crowned with thorns and looking back at her. This scene of steady contemplation and hope encapsulates the attitude of Julian's entire life, an attitude which the celebration of Holy Week invites us to make our own: 'He loved me and gave

himself for me,' as St Paul puts it, and so 'it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.'

That window sometimes raises a question from visitors and pilgrims when they notice one distinctive element of it: Christ is shown crucified not on the rough wood of the Cross, a bitter instrument of painful death, but on a vigorously flowering lily. 'Why?' people ask.

Put crudely, the lily, symbolising purity, was often incorporated in mediaeval art depicting the Annunciation: Gabriel's visit to Mary and her acceptance of her vocation to be the Mother of God. Over time, an allusion to the forthcoming death of the Son whom she was conceiving was sometimes incorporated into such depictions, by superimposing a tiny figure of the crucified Christ onto the lily stem.

Gradually this developed into a particular mode of representing the Crucifixion, Christ crucified on the lily, symbolising the shared suffering of Mother and Son on Calvary, a suffering,

(continued overleaf)

of course, on which Julian was to ruminate so deeply and fruitfully in her *Revelations of Divine Love*: 'I saw part of the compassion of our Lady Saint Mary, for Christ and she were so united in love that the greatness of her love for him caused the intensity of her pain; in this I saw the essential character of the love, natural but maintained by grace, which all creation has for him; this natural love was shown in his dear Mother most abundantly, and indeed supremely, for just as her love for him surpassed that of anyone else, so did her suffering for him.'

At the English Reformation, many such lily crucifixes disappeared, and they can be found in mediaeval or modern forms in only a handful of churches, of which ours is one. To me, the image speaks not only of the union of Jesus and Mary in suffering ('a sword will

pierce your own soul too'), but also of the fruitfulness of the Cross, which has become a tree of life bearing fruit for the healing of the nations, Christ himself being the grain of which he spoke in St John's Gospel, falling and dying and only thus bringing forth fruit.

When the Angelus prayer is said each day, we end by asking that we 'who have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel [may] by his Cross and Passion be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.' This is my prayer for all the Friends and for all pilgrims to the Julian Shrine, that by the fruitful cross they may come to Resurrection joy, and share Julian's conviction as she looks at the lily crucifix in our window: all manner of thing shall be well.

Fr Richard



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Check out the website and keep an eye on our social media accounts to keep up to date with news and events from across the world.

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NEWS FROM THE JULIAN SHRINE

From the resident steward, Josiah English

As Easter approaches the whole Shrine team is tremendously grateful for all the blessings we have seen here at the Shrine over the last year.

We have faced challenges, but overwhelmingly feel a sense of gratitude for all the care and support shown to us by those who live and work at the Shrine, as well as all those nearby who are involved, and the many people who come to make pilgrimage to this place; their devotion and piety are inspirational and a constant reminder of our purpose here and the value of what we are seeking to protect, preserve and promote.

Spring is always a time of reflection for me and I think back to all the changes that have taken place since my arrival over three years ago: from the early days when I was one of only two people on staff (Fr Richard and myself) all the way to our present situation which includes another full time member of staff (Jordan), extra housekeeping assistance taken on in 2025 (Mark), our wonderful gardener (Elena) who joined us last year, and more - not to mention our invaluable volunteers - new and old - who keep the Shrine visitor centre open and

hospitable through sun and rain.

Having now served well over a thousand guests at All Hallows, I like to think that the guesthouse functions as a well-oiled machine most of the time, which leaves me time to consider what comes next and how we continue to fulfil our vision for a renewed Shrine and internationally significant place of pilgrimage. We want to stay true to our roots and build on our reputation for simplicity, care of the environment, and authentic welcome, not losing ourselves in the midst of change to a corporate image. But we also want to share the life and work of Julian with other generations who have yet to discover her. Bearing all that in mind, this year we will begin the tentative launch of what we hope will become an annual programme of events, retreats, quiet days, guided tours and more across the Shrine, which will enhance opportunities for our visitors to connect with Julian and - more importantly - through Julian, God. Watch this space!

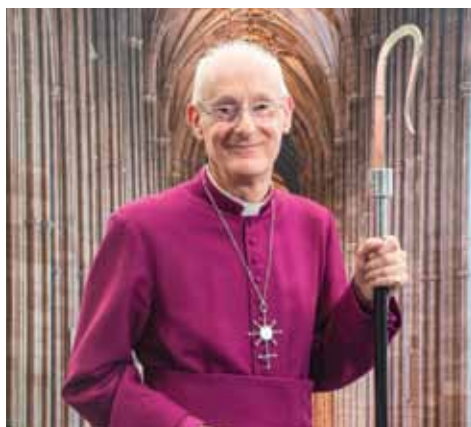
BISHOP PETER EAGLES

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Chair of the Julian Partnership.

Born in Surrey, I undertook my theological study and training for ordination at St Stephen's House, Oxford. Ordained deacon at St Paul's Cathedral in 1989, I served as curate in the parish of St Martin, Ruislip in the Diocese of London. I left in 1992, embarking upon a 25-year ministry as a Chaplain to the British Army.

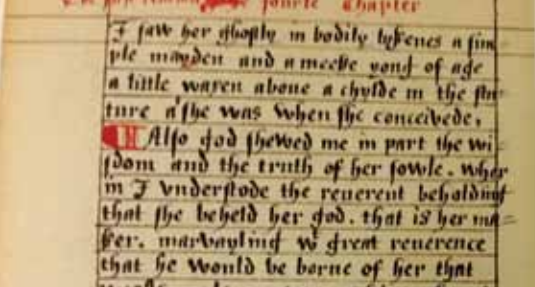
Accompanied by Gail, whom I met and married in Ruislip, and subsequently by our son, I spent 25 years ministering to soldiers and their families in garrisons across the British Isles and Germany. I also served on operational deployment in zones of conflict: Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Iraq in 2005, and Afghanistan in 2006. I left the Army as Deputy Chaplain-General and Archdeacon in 2017 upon my nomination as Bishop of Sodor and Man.

Sodor and Man is a diocese of the Church of England, consisting now of just the Isle of Man, and is indeed one of the very oldest, with its first bishop sent by St Patrick in 447. This Celtic diocese acquired a further richness of history during the Norse hegemony of the tenth century, the period of the founding of Tynwald, the Manx Parliament (and the oldest continuous parliament in the world), in which the Bishop still sits each week. I led the diocese through the pandemic of Covid-19, and spoke in Tynwald and across the Island's media on a range of ethical, moral and spiritual issues. I was (and continue to be) Ecumenical Lead Bishop on behalf of the Anglican Communion for our relationship with the Old Catholic Churches of the Union



of Utrecht. I laid down my crozier at the end of October 2023, when Gail and I moved to the pilgrimage village of Walsingham in Norfolk to lead a life of deeper study and prayer and to renovate and inhabit an ancient house. Both aspirations remain work in progress! I minister now, by the very kind permission of Bishop Graham, as an Honorary Assistant Bishop in this Diocese of Norwich.

The Julian Partnership is currently engaged in a number of projects, some arising from a Visioning Day held in October 2024. These include broadening the body of Trustees, to increase our areas of expertise and experience, as well as to make it ecumenically more representative; establishing long-term resilience with regard both to the ministry of the Shrine and its financial security; and a programme of development of the Guest House to equip it better for the increasing number of visitors. Numbers coming to the Shrine continue to grow, and this is very encouraging indeed for our aim of strengthening Julian's profile and renown. With an outstanding Hospitality Manager and an equally capable and inspiring Priest Director in place, the Partnership and Trustees look to the future with confidence and with hope, under the grace of God.



AN ESTONIAN TRANSLATION

With her texts, Julian of Norwich has left a message of love that is spreading all over the world, and the Friends of Julian of Norwich with their great commitment to her memory have contributed remarkably to keeping this message alive home and abroad.

Soon another translation of Julian's texts is going to begin. This time into Estonian, a small Finno-Ugric language in the Baltics, the North-Eastern edge of Europe. The translation will be published by Tallinn University Press, in the series of Bibliotheca Medievalis, and translated by Aet Varik – that is me, the author of this short notice.

The plan for this translation has been long in the making. I was first asked to contribute a little to the non-Latin part of an Estonian anthology of medieval literature, and translated some extracts of Julian's Vision, or the Short Text, as it is also called. Of course, even this short contribution required me to read a lot about Julian, and study both the Short Text and the Long Text in fullness.

Luckily, I was provided with an excellent publication for the original text, the version edited by Nicholas Watson and Jacqueline Jenkins, who have juxtaposed all the existing manuscripts of the Long Text in the Sloane and Paris libraries with the additional text of the original A Vision

Shewed to a Devout Woman, and by means of analysis and comparison created a synthesis of great significance. This comprises both A Vision and A Revelation.

At the moment, the translation is still in preparatory phase – I am reading Julian's texts, books about her and her contemporaries, as well as translating some extracts of the Book of Margery Kempe for the same anthology mentioned above – it has been in the making now for more than a decade, and I am very glad to have been able to contribute a little myself. Also, I consider this as a kind of warming-up before the great task.

In January last year, I had the good fortune to visit Norwich and stay at the Retreat House at St Julian's Church, and even be invited to dinner at home with Lesley Mitchell and her husband Andrew. During all my time in Norwich, I felt Julian's message to be heartwarmingly alive at the place where she lived and worked. Now I am looking forward to the very difficult but wonderful task of translating Julian's work into my native tongue, and once this is done, to sending a copy of my translation to your Reference Library. (See page 20 for a taster.)

Aet Varik Ringborg



THE JULIAN FESTIVAL 2025

Friday 9th & Saturday 10th May

We're thrilled that The Julian Festival is returning in May. With two days of talks and services as well as the Friends of Julian Annual General Meeting, we'd love to see you there.

Friday 9th May

5pm Mass at St Julian's Church

7pm Breaking the Habit: The Allure of Nuns in Storytelling, National Centre for Writing, Dragon Hall, Norwich

Saturday 10th May

10.30-11.30am Festival Eucharist at St Julian's Church led by Fr Richard Stanton. With Reception of new Companions (CJN) and renewal of vows.

11.30am-12pm Refreshments at Julian Centre

12pm-1.15pm 44th Annual Julian Lecture: Julian of Norwich – Having it All?

Given by Dr Hetta Howes St Julian's Church

1.15pm-14.15pm Lunch – please bring your own, or there are several cafes nearby. The Julian Centre will be open for hot drinks.

2.15pm-3.15pm Friends of Julian AGM at St Julian's Church

3.30pm Closing Prayer by Fr Richard Stanton 15.30

IMAGES: Hazel nut image by Lesley Mitchell, RIGHT: Dr Hetta Howes.

THE JULIAN FESTIVAL PANEL DISCUSSION

BREAKING THE HABIT: THE ALLURE OF NUNS IN STORYTELLING

We are also delighted that Hetta will be joining us for the panel discussion *Breaking the Habit: The Allure of Nuns in Storytelling* as part of the Julian Festival in partnership with the National Centre for Writing.

From Hollywood films like *Conclave* and *Immaculate* to Claire Keegan's novel *Small Things Like These*, our culture is captivated by nuns and the cloistered life. What draws us to the confinement and devotion of this religious figure?

Join our panellists — non-fiction writer Hetta Howes (*Poet, Mystic, Widow, Wife*), novelist Jess Kidd (*Murder at Gull's Nest*), and memoirist and former nun Catherine Coldstream (*Cloistered*) — as they explore the inner and creative freedom embodied by nuns and why they continue to inspire writers, filmmakers, and artists alike. Their discussion will be chaired by Sally-Anne Lomas, trustee of the Friends of Julian and director of *The Search for the lost Manuscript: Julian of Norwich* BBC4

FRIDAY 9th MAY, 7PM, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR WRITING, £10

Visit the National Centre for Writing's website to book:

www.nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk/events/breaking-the-habit-the-allure-of-nuns-in-storytelling/

THE JULIAN FESTIVAL LECTURE

JULIAN OF NORWICH – HAVING IT ALL?

The Julian Lecture 2025 will be given by the lively and entertaining Dr Hetta Howes who is a Lecturer in Medieval and Early Modern Literature at City, University of London, and a BBC/AHRC New Generation Thinker.

Hetta regularly contributes to broadcasts on BBC Radio 3 and 4, as well as writing for publications such as The Times Literary Supplement and BBC History Extra. Her new book *Poet, Mystic, Widow, Wife* is written for a popular audience and features both Julian of Norwich and Margery Kempe.

Hetta's lecture is entitled *Julian of Norwich: Having it All?* There were plenty of medieval women who were trying to 'have it all' - a career, a family, friends and passions - just as there are today. Julian of Norwich was not one of those women. When she decided to become an anchoress, she cut herself off almost entirely from the outside world and dedicated her entire life to one goal: devotion to God. By sticking to one path and rejecting the concept of having it all, Julian was able to create something beautiful - her life's work, *The Revelations of Divine Love*.

This lecture will consider the concept of 'having it all' in terms of Julian's vocation - how did she manage to find creative freedom and personal liberation in narrowing her focus dramatically?

SATURDAY 10th MAY, 12noon, ST JULIAN'S CHURCH



Image from the British Library Collection



REVIEW: MEDIEVAL WOMEN IN THEIR OWN WORDS

The British Library's blockbuster exhibition, *Medieval Women In Their Own Words*, opened to great acclaim on 25 October 2024 and ran until 2 March 2025.

It provided a wonderful opportunity to see the manuscripts of both the long and the short texts of Julian of Norwich's *Revelations of Divine Love*, beautifully displayed next to each other, and close to spiritual texts by other medieval women, including works by Margery Kempe, Hildegard von Bingen, Brigitte of Sweden and Christine de Pizan.

There was also an order for enclosing an anchoress (British Library, Lansdowne MS 451) and the often-quoted *Ancrene Wisse* or *Anchoresses' Guide* (British Library, Cotton MS Cleopatra C VI), which is the source of claims that Julian must have had a cat. The exhibition curators displayed the manuscript open at the relevant page, which instructs the three anchoress sisters to whom it was written in the 1210s, "Ne schule ye habben nan beast bute cat ane" ("You should not have any animal except one cat")

Julian's Short Text (British Library, Add MS 37790) was displayed open at the passage in which she described being shown all of creation as a small ball the size of a hazelnut. The Long Text

(British Library, Stowe MS 42) was open at the start of the first chapter, where the neat 17th century hand of its copyist seems quite startling after looking at example after example of manuscripts from the medieval period (1100-1500). It's a stark reminder that the Long Text only survived thanks to nuns exiled from England to Paris and Cambrai.

There was also an interactive exhibit that contrasted Julian's vision of the devil in her sixteenth showing with Margery Kempe's description of the sweet smell that surrounded her in the presence of angels when she married Christ in one of her visions in Rome. Opening Julian's door released a scent of fire and brimstone, whilst Margery Kempe's door emitted a sweet, syrupy fragrance.

It was profoundly moving to see Julian's texts in close proximity to works by other spiritual women from the same era. There were also exhibits covering work-life and home-life, and the exhibition as a whole wrote women's voices back into our understanding of the Middle Ages, using, as the exhibition title suggests, their own words. [Anne Welsh](#)



THE JULIAN CENTRE

Don't forget to pop into The Julian Centre if you're in Norwich. It has an excellent selection of books and gifts and is located right next to the Church. Opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10am to 3.30pm.

REVIEW OF THE 2024 AUTUMN RETREAT

At the end of September 2024 I was blessed to attend a 2 day Autumn retreat, *Revelations of Divine Love*, led by Gail and Ian Adams, Chaplains at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, which was organised by the Friends of Julian and the Norwich Christian Meditation Centre. I resolved to set both days aside and disengage from everyday concerns and mobile phone communications – which is not often easy!

Each day was shaped around two main themes taken from the writings of Julian of Norwich. There was plenty of time built in for quiet contemplation, reflection and prayer which I found most valuable. The words of Julian, which can seem quite complex, were presented in an understandable and relevant way and we were challenged to consider their meaning and what gifts we might have received from God as a result. The content was rich, and there was great use of art, poetry and photography to help illustrate Julian's words.

St John's Church, Timberhill was an appropriate venue, being both beautiful and spacious. The whole retreat had a lovely relaxed and contemplative atmosphere to it, and it was clear that during the break times we were very welcome to bring questions or discussion points to Gail and Ian.

We were also fortunate on both days to be invited to Mass led by Fr Richard Stanton at the Julian Church and at St John's, at which we were made very welcome.

It was a wonderful opportunity to consider the words of Julian more deeply and to examine what they might mean for me at that point in my life. I felt spiritually rejuvenated as a result.

Thank you so much to Gail and Ian, Fr Richard Stanton and to all those who organised the event and worked so hard behind the scenes to provide a unique experience and superb hospitality.

Eleanor Laming



THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Report May 2024 – May 2025

1. The Objects of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

The Charity's objects ("the objects") are to advance the education of the public in the Shrine of Lady Julian of Norwich and to advance religion by promoting and furthering the work of the Shrine of Lady Julian of Norwich.

In furtherance of the above the Friends shall:

- (a) increase public awareness and knowledge of the life and writings of Julian of Norwich;
- (b) increase public awareness of the Julian Cell and encourage visits;
- (c) foster spirituality:
 - (i) engage in regular prayer
 - (ii) provide financial support for the upkeep and maintenance of the Julian Cell or such other religious or secular organisations promoting Julian of Norwich or spirituality in general
 - (iii) provide facilities for pilgrims and other visitors
 - (iv) provide and maintain a reference library of books on Julian and on spirituality in general
 - (v) make available for purchase books on Julian and on spirituality
 - (vi) produce or assist in the production of literature on Julian
 - (vii) publish a newsletter for members
 - (viii) promote scholarship, preaching, study and research on Julian
 - (ix) give or arrange for talks and lectures to be given on Julian
 - (x) assist in maintaining and improving the Julian Cell.



2. Membership, 31 December 2024

At the end of last year there were 2,188 members worldwide. If Friends from any country or region want us to arrange contact with each other, please let our Secretary know: howard.green@julianofnorwich.org

Argentina	1	India	2	Phillipines	2
Australia	35	Ireland	11	Poland	1
Brazil	1	Italy	1	Portugal	2
Canada	29	Japan	1	Singapore	1
China	1	Luxembourg	1	South Africa	2
Czech Republic	1	Malawi	1	Sweden	5
Denmark	1	Malaysia	1	Switzerland	1
Finland	3	Malta	1	Taiwan	1
France	6	Mexico	1	Togo	1
Germany	2	Netherlands	3	UK	836
Greece	1	New Zealand	6	US	226
Hong Kong	1	Norway	1	Unknown (email)	998

3. Trustees & Executive Committee

The trustees of the registered charity and the charity’s Executive Committee are one and the same. The trustees that were agreed at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) (see minutes in this newsletter) were in place all year and during the year a further three trustees, Annelise Savill, Margit Thofner and Gwynne Wright CJN, were co-opted, and now seek election to the Board by the members at the 2025 AGM. After very many years’ service Fred Thompson CJN offered his resignation. Any Friend of Julian wishing to nominate any trustee to stand for election for the coming year should inform the secretary@julianofnorwich.org by 1st May 2025.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY 11th MAY 2024

1. APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Lucy Care, Ron Ingamells, Liz Thomas amongst others.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM on Saturday 13th May 2023

There were no comments. The minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record of the AGM. Fred Thompson proposed Richard Norton seconded.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT ON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2023

Pre-examination accounts are present in the Annual Report. Copies of the post-examination accounts are available today and were handed to one meeting attendee who was able to ask questions about them. One point was clarified, namely that the word 'deficit' describes only a transfer between account headings; at no point did the Friends go into deficit in the last financial year. They will be sent to the Charity Commission shortly.

A question about publishing balance sheet in the Newsletter. There is insufficient time to have the full accounts examined before the newsletter is published and therefore the balance sheet has to wait until the Examined Accounts, which are available at today's meeting and can be sent out on request.

Point raised about the membership numbers was clarified. No distinction is made between subscribing Friends and e.g. those who just sign up for e-newsletter. We are encouraging subscriptions, but it is not a strict requirement.

There has been expenditure supporting the 40th Anniversary of the Friends of Julian activities this year. Jenni Hancock, Treasurer, reported:

"My pre-examination income & expenditure figures and written report were circulated in the recent newsletter.

The 'designated' column includes monies restricted to the Bench Appeal which is shown separately in the full accounts. Otherwise, there are no changes.

Copies of the examined accounts, including the Statement of Assets and

Liabilities are available and will be submitted to the Charity Commission in due course.

My thanks to Nicholas Fudge for his independent examination.

Last year's anniversary activities were a great success, supported locally and internationally. The trustees had set aside a sum from reserves for this ambitious programme with the understanding that a project of this size may cost more. While the final cost was more than anticipated, the shortfall was largely covered by a £2,000 legacy received in 2022.

The general income was sufficient to cover regular activities and administration with a modest surplus. Our sincere appreciation to all our supporters for your subscriptions, donations, and purchases. Thanks also to Stephanie and Shirley for their key roles in our online shop.

To summarise, we ended 2023 with cash assets of £73k (£24k General / £49k Designated & Restricted) and total assets of £86k (£38k General/ £48k D&R)

This healthy financial position means that the trustees are able to explore new ways of promoting Julian while maintaining enough reserves for future outgoings."

Acting Chair Lesley Mitchell thanked Jenni for her professionalism in presenting the accounts. Patricia Menaul seconded that the annual accounts were accepted. The annual accounts were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

5. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2021 TO MAY 2022

This had been circulated prior to the AGM, which is included in the Easter Newsletter, copies of which were available to attendees of the AGM. There were no matters arising from the report. They were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

6. ELECTION OF NEW TRUSTEES TO FRIENDS OF JULIAN

Shirley Buxton is standing down after many years, and latterly a long stint as Chair. In recent months, Shirley has been facilitating the transition to the future by supporting Lesley Mitchell as Acting Chair. Felicity Maton is standing down after even more years as a trustee. Neither are ceasing involvement altogether and hope to be able to be involved in whatever ways may be beneficial.

Replacing these two vacancies, Andrea Cornes (co-opted to the Trustees during the past year) and Lucy Care (who led on the exhibition Love Is the Meaning last autumn) have offered their services. These two were unanimously approved and thanked. Two further places are available for co-option during the year.

Shirley Buxton extended her warm appreciation to Brian Thorne, Felicity Maton, Lesley Mitchell, Bruce Batstone, CJN, Howard Green, and Richard Stanton for all the support that they have provided to her during her time as trustee and Chair of the Friends.

Members of the floor (Richard Norton, CJN, Jill Butterworth, CJN, Felicity Maton, and Howard Green) all spoke their warm appreciation of the efforts of the trustees generally, over the years and recently, and of Shirley's and Felicity's contributions particularly.

Following this meeting the position of the Trustees is now as shown on page 16:

NAME	TYPE	YRS SERVED
1. Revd Richard Stanton	Priest for St John's Timberhill with St Julian's	Ex Officio
2. Unfilled :	A member of the Community of All Hallows	Ex Officio
3. Andrea Cornes	Elected 1 of between 5 and 9	0
4. Lucy Care	Elected 2 of between 5 and 9	0
5. Howard Green	Elected 3 of between 5 and 9	2
6. Margaret-Mary McFadyen	Elected 4 of between 5 and 9	3
7. Sally-Anne Lomas	Elected 5 of between 5 and 9	3
8. Lesley Mitchell	Elected 6 of between 5 and 9	4
9. Fred Thompson, CJN	Elected 6 of between 5 and 9	3
	CJN representative	

7. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINER

This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. AOB

9. Thank Yous

Lesley Mitchell thanked the Priest Director Revd Richard Stanton and Secretary Howard Green for their support. Felicity Maton and Shirley Buxton were also thanked for the loyalty, devotion, and energy they had given to the Friends. They were presented with flowers..

10. NEXT YEAR'S AGM DATE

Saturday 10th May 2025. Agenda is available on page 20.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Jenni Hancock

I am delighted to report that the Friends of Julian of Norwich have maintained a healthy financial stance throughout 2024 and ended the year with a surplus.

2024 marked the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Friends. As part of the Julian Festival, we were thrilled to collaborate with The National Centre for Writing where Cindy Oswin performed her play 'CELL', funded by a generous donation of £1,000.

The charity received a generous legacy gift which was unrestricted and added to general funds.

Other voluntary income and sales decreased slightly from 2023, while income from events was significantly higher (disregarding last year's anniversary income).

General expenditure was broadly on a par with last year and, more importantly, did not exceed income. Our thanks to all our supporters for their generosity, enabling the Friends to meet their costs – it is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the annual £5,000 contribution towards the Priest Director, the trustees were pleased to award £1,195 to the Julian Partnership for improvements

to the garden area. This was funds raised by Shirley Buxton's 'Big Splash' and held in a restricted fund awaiting a suitable project.

The charity's free reserves at the end of 2024 increased to £32,400, approximately 18 months expenditure. The trustees are looking at ways to best use some of these reserves in the near future.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME	2024 General	2024 Designated	2023 Total
Friends' subscriptions, donations, Companions' gifts	£13,002.92	£0.00	£17,997.45
Legacy gift	£1,645.25	£0.00	£0.00
Grant received	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
Festival & Events (includes bench appeal)	£5,223.12	£0.00	£6,856.43
Bank Interest	£454.53	£863.69	£1,094.29
Sales	£5,631.88	£0.00	£6,347.57
Purchase of stock by partners	£660.00	£0.00	£1,577.90
Miscellaneous income	£75.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£26,692.70	£1,863.69	£33,873.64
EXPENDITURE	2024 General	2024 Designated	2023 Total
Purchase of Stock	£4,022.96	£0.00	£4,533.98
Bank and online partner charges	£1,260.11	£0.00	£1,932.57
Other expenses (eg promotion, postage)	£1,477.18	£0.00	£1,362.26
Charitable activities (eg newsletter, events)	£7,010.43	£1,000.00	£26,750.64
Depreciation of fixed assets (fixtures & pc)	£0.00	£0.00	£288.00
Contribution to Julian of Norwich Partnership	£0.00	£6,195.00	£5,000.00
Running Expenses (utilities, website, admin)	£5,627.75	£0.00	£7,318.02
Purchase of stock for partners	£660.00	£0.00	£1,577.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	£20,058.43	£7,195.00	£48,463.39
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) for the year	£6,634.27	(£5,331.31)	(£14,889.73)

REVIEW OF THE 2024 JULIAN LECTURE

The Julian lecture of 2024 celebrated the fortieth anniversary year of the 'Friends of Julian'.

It was given on 11th May by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, on the topic of 'Julian and the Trinity'.

Most appropriately, it was held in Norwich cathedral, dedicated to none other than the 'Holy and Undivided Trinity'.



Above: Dr Williams at St Julian's Church after the lecture.

Dr Williams's lecture was an absolute treat. He is a lively speaker but, at the same time, an immensely learned and thoughtful theologian. Throughout his talk, his profound respect for Julian's equally deep learning shone through. Certainly, Julian wears her theological learning lightly in her writings, perhaps out of charity to her readers but perhaps also not to upset the male-dominated Church hierarchy of her day. But, as Dr Williams so eloquently demonstrated, it is nevertheless there, underpinning all of her thinking. In his exposition, one of the most striking things about Julian's book is its intellectual coherence, the inexorable logic with which she pursues her arguments. At the centre of that logic lies the Trinity, evident at a basic level in Julian's favourite rhetorical device of arguing in groups of three but also at the most exalted conceptual level, embedded in how she understands the relationship between God and humanity.

We are, in Julian's view, 'beclosed in the Trinity', where the substance of our humanity belongs. At least as I understood it, Dr Williams's argument is that Julian identifies and underscores the 'original good' in our frail humanity in a manner that challenges the St Augustine's concept of 'original sin', a fundamental doctrine of medieval Christianity. At the same time, Julian stays just on the right side of what constituted Christian orthodoxy in her time; she was far too clever to write something that would openly confront the powers-that-be.

In general, it was a wonderfully illuminating, at times entertaining and yet intellectually stimulating lecture – a fine contribution to what is now a firmly established tradition.

Margit Thofner

COMPANIONS' REPORT

from Fr Bruce-Julian Batstone CJN OboJN



The Companions of Julian is a growing communion of women and men for whom solitude, silence and intercession are hallmarks of life, inspired by the example and teachings of Mother Julian. Our international membership numbers: UK 28; Scandinavia 1; N America 10; Australia/New Zealand 6.

A group of Companions has recently led a quiet morning and quiet afternoon (different time zones necessitate flexible meeting arrangements) offering online space to be silent together, to reflect and discuss in small groups. We hope to repeat this again soon, as a way to support established Companions of Julian alongside enquirers and aspirants.

JULIAN NEWS FROM FLORIDA

In March Stephen Hoffman, CJN, held a Julian Workshop at the local United Methodist Church in Sarasota, Florida, US.

For many of the twelve enthusiastic participants this was an introduction to Julian of Norwich. They watched *The Search for The Lost Manuscript*, the film directed by FOJ trustee Sally-Anne Lomas, released in 2016. Stephen also showed photographs of the Cloth of Kindness <https://www.clothofkindness.co.uk/projects>, produced for the Julian 650th anniversary.

On Good Friday a Centering Prayer vigil will take place, shaped around the seven last words of Christ on the Cross, and accompanied by reflections from Julian's Revelations with space for silence.



Image from the Julian Workshop



THE JULIAN FESTIVAL 2025

Friday 9th & Saturday 10th May

We're so pleased that the Festival returns in May and would love to see you there. Please see pages 8 & 9 for more information about the events taking place, including the AGM of the Friends of Julian.

FRIENDS OF JULIAN AGM AGENDA

AGENDA of AGM of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

Saturday 10th May 2025 at 2.15pm

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last AGM on 11th May 2024
3. Matters arising
4. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, together with the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending May 2025
5. To elect members of the Board of Trustees
6. Appointment of Financial Examiner
7. Any other business

Please notify the Secretary by 6 May 2025 of any items to be discussed or proposals regarding trustee membership: howard.green@julianofnorwich.org

THE BEGINNING OF JULIAN'S SHORT TEXT IN ESTONIAN

Here's the first part of the Estonian translation by Aet (see page 6 for more info).

Siin on nägemus, mille Jumal oma headuses on ilmutanud vagale naisele. Ja tema nimi on Julian, erak Norwichist, ning ta on elavate kirjas ka praegu, anno Domini 1413. Tema nägemuses on leida palju rõõstivaid sõnu ja suurt innustust kõikidele, kes ihkavad oma südames olla Kristuse armastajad.

Here is a vision which God in his goodness has revealed to a pious woman. And her name is Julian, a hermit of Norwich, and she is on the register of the living even now, anno Domini 1413. In her vision are to be found many words of comfort and great encouragement to all who desire in their hearts to be lovers of Christ.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

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THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Easter Newsletter 2024

A Message from the Chair, Shirley Buxton CJN

Dear Friends & Companions,

After a spectacular year in 2023, celebrating 650 years since Julian received her 'Shewings', 2024 marks another anniversary year, 40 years since the Friends of Julian of Norwich was formed.

Many thanks are owed to the late Fr. Michael McLean and the group that started the Friends of Julian. Over the years it has developed into a world-wide organisation. We remember with gratitude all the Friends of Julian, both past and present who have, by their prayers, subscriptions and commitment, enabled Julian and her '*Revelations of Divine Love*' to be so widely known. I encourage any of you reading this newsletter, who do not yet subscribe as a Friend of Julian of Norwich, to do so. Active and paid membership will enable the work of the Friends to flourish and grow in future years.

2024 has started well with 40 Roman Catholic and Anglican Bishops spending an hour in the Julian Shrine as part of the Ecumenical Bishops' Conference, hosted in Norwich in late January. Amongst their number were the Archbishops of Canterbury, York and Westminster. Appreciation has been expressed for the talk that Fr. Richard gave about Julian and the importance of the Julian Shrine as an international place of pilgrimage.

This year's online Julian Lent Course, focusing on Emma Pennington's book *At the Foot of the Cross with Julian of Norwich* has attracted participants from near and far. It is good to see some new faces this year as well as meeting Friends returning for a second, third or even fourth time.



*Garden Festival at St Julian's
(continued overleaf)*

(continued from page 1)

Each session has started with an introductory talk on the text being discussed that week, before breaking out into discussion groups of 4 to 5 people. The session has concluded with a plenary session, reflection and prayer.

We are delighted to welcome back the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Rowan Williams to give this year's Julian Lecture. Watch out for details of a Julian Autumn Retreat planned for September. Please use this Friends' 40th Anniversary to organise a Julian event local to you. There were Julian events enjoyed in many parts of the world last year. These ranged from prayer and study groups to lectures and conferences. It would be good to build on this.

Sadly, this is my last letter as Chair. I have decided it is time to step down as a Trustee of the Friends of Julian of Norwich. In the last twenty years I have learnt so much about Julian and her writings. I look forward to continuing on my faith journey with Julian by my side. It is a privilege and a joy to be involved with the Friends of Julian. I have made so many wonderful friends and I look forward to further involvement as a Friend and Companion. I step back knowing that the Friends of Julian of Norwich is in safe hands. Experienced trustees are being joined by new members to the board who bring new energy and skills. I am sure they will continue our purpose by spreading Julian's message.

As we approach Easter, I leave you with Julian's words:

'For his goodness encompasses all his creatures and all his blessed works. He has made us for his love alone, and has restored us by his blessed Passion and keeps us in his blessed love. And he does this through his goodness.'

With my love and prayers,

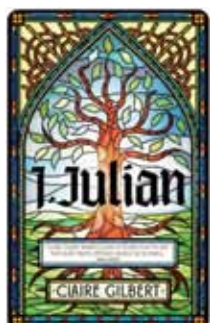
Shirley Buxton, CJN

BELOW LEFT: 'Face of Our Lord' from Son-et-Lumiere, Birmingham Cathedral. RIGHT: Shirley Buxton



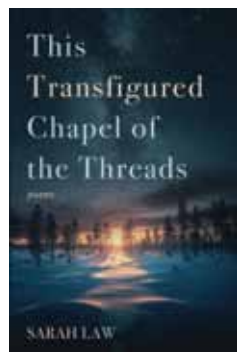
JULIAN AND FRIENDS FEATURED IN THE 2024 ILLUMINATION BOOK AWARDS!

The Illumination Book Awards are an annual recognition and celebration of the best in recently published literature with a Christian theme or perspective. As the awards website declares, 'The Illumination Book Awards are designed to "shine a light" on the best . . . new titles written and published with a Christian worldview.' Based in the United States, the Awards panel considers entries from around the world. Read more about the Illumination Awards online here: <https://illuminationawards.com>



We're delighted to hear that Claire Gilbert's novel, *I, Julian*, has been awarded the silver medal in the general fiction category. Published in 2023 by Hodder and Stoughton, *I, Julian* is a wonderfully evocative account of the life and visions of the Lady Julian, whose voice is imaginatively inhabited by the author. We hope that this novel, already widely acclaimed, will now gain even more readers – and that those readers who haven't yet discovered Julian's Shewings and the work of the Friends of Julian will be inspired to do so.

Readers may also be interested to know that Sarah Law's new poetry collection, *This Transfigured Chapel of the Threads* (Resource Publication, 2023) was awarded the bronze medal in this year's single author poetry collection. Sarah writes: 'This collection is inspired by my longstanding devotion to St Thérèse of Lisieux, and in it I attempted to merge the borders of saint and self, faith and doubt, words and silence. I am honoured it has been acknowledged by the Illumination Awards!'



Last year, Sarah edited the anthology *All Shall Be Well: Poems for Julian of Norwich* (Amethyst Press, 2023), a joyful poetic appreciation of Julian by over 50 contemporary poets to celebrate the 650th anniversary of the Shewings.

***I, Julian* and *All Shall Be Well* are both available from the Julian Centre. *All Shall Be Well* can be ordered from the Friends. All three titles can be ordered from good bookshops.**



OVERVIEW OF THE 2023 JULIAN 650 CELEBRATIONS

The 650th anniversary of Julian's shewings was a year packed full of events to celebrate Julian, her *Revelations of Divine Love*, and her spiritual legacy around the city of Norwich and throughout the world.

The Friends were privileged to hold a series of lectures during the year, delivered by six distinguished academics and authors - Professor Barry Windeatt, Veronica Mary Rolf, Professor Philip Sheldrake, Dr Juliana Dresvina, Mary Sharratt and Dr Sarah Salih. At the Julian Festival lecture in May, Barry Windeatt explored the culture of religious art and imagery from Julian's time. The lecture has now been published, and by the time you read this, will be available to purchase from the Friends of Julian website shop, and the Julian Centre.

In May, *'Julian of Norwich: her life and background'* at the Norfolk Record Office, was hosted by former archivist Frank Meeres. Those who attended were fortunate to see original documents that mention Julian, and others relating to local churches.

In July, visitors to the Garden Festival at St Julian's enjoyed the beautiful displays of flowers and words from

the *Revelations of Divine Love*. The commemorative seat in the garden, created by craftsman Martin Cook, was blessed by the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Reverend Graham Usher.

Love is the Meaning, an art exhibition curated by ceramicist Lucy Care, was held across three Norwich churches connected with Julian. Contemporary artists from near and far engaged with Julian's words and produced a variety of wonderful works of art. One of many visitors commented they found it "engaging, inspiring and thought provoking".





Acts of worship featured prominently during the year. There were regular services and silent prayer at St Julian's, and a diocesan thanksgiving service at Norwich Cathedral, which included the reading of a special letter from Pope Francis, who emphasised God's message of Love to Julian and its importance to the world today. The anniversary year on New Year's Eve ended with a reflective Morning Worship broadcast from Norwich Cathedral on BBC Radio 4.

There was plenty of media interest in Julian and her writings last year.

Articles appeared in local newspapers and *The Church Times*. Julian also featured in a special broadcast of Radio 4 *Woman's Hour* on 8th May (her feast day). FOJ trustee Sally-Anne Lomas held a lively discussion with literary historian Hetta Howes and author Claire Gilbert, who read from her fictional autobiography *I Julian*.

One of the objectives of the Friends of Julian of Norwich, is to raise public awareness about Julian's life and writings. I think we can all agree that this objective was achieved.

Lesley Mitchell, FOJ Trustee



Sally-Anne Lomas in the Woman's Hour studio



'All Shall be Well', stone carving by Teucer Wilson:

PAGE 4 TOP: Barry Windeatt delivering the 650 Julian Lecture BOTTOM: The string quartet playing in the Julian Garden.

THIS PAGE TOP LEFT: 'Falling into Light' by Julia van Griensven: TOP RIGHT: 'Julian of Norwich-Respiro' by Frances Martin



NEWS FROM FR RICHARD STANTON, PRIEST DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

‘Having in remembrance the precious Death and Passion, the mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension’ of Jesus Christ, we keep holy the days of Lent as we prepare to celebrate the fullness of the Paschal Mystery in Holy Week, ‘caught up in a mystery of self-giving love’ (said Evelyn Underhill) ‘which yet remains far beyond our span.’ The Lady Julian is a good companion in these days as we contemplate the Cross of Christ and hear his voice: ‘Lo, how I loved thee.’

In his sermon at the High Mass in St Julian’s on the 650th anniversary of the Shewings last year, Fr Peter Doll, Canon Librarian of Norwich Cathedral, explored the significance of Christ’s wounds in Christian spirituality and theology. Not everyone who encounters Julian’s writing finds her intense focus on the wounded body of the Saviour easy to accept or to stomach. Some, perhaps, would prefer an abridged edition of the Revelations

with what they judge an obsessive mediaeval preoccupation with suffering removed and only the passages of consolation, encouragement and reassurance left behind.

Yet if we approach Julian objectively it isn’t easy to see how such a distinction can be made or imposed without impoverishing exactly the message which Julian most wants to communicate. The Passion of Christ, precisely in all its physicality, is the measure of God’s love for his people; by the dimensions of the Cross we measure that love’s breadth and length and height and depth, and that and only that love is our consolation and encouragement.

The Cross is not a defeat which the Resurrection hastily reverses; the Cross and the Resurrection stand together as one mystery which works our redemption and invites our free participation as we uncover its reality in our own lives. The love which Calvary proclaims is not an abstract,

TOP LEFT: The Crucifix and Bell Tower at St Julian’s. TOP RIGHT: Fr Richard at Joint Anglican-Roman Catholic bishops’ meeting at St Julian’s © Mazur cbcew.org.uk

disembodied, theoretical love: it is expressed in concrete terms in the suffering, dead, risen body of Jesus Christ, not merely as an example or illustration of love, but as love's ultimate manifestation.

'Within thy wounds, hide me,' we pray in the Anima Christi, that powerful prayer which emerges in the mediaeval world around the same time as Julian was writing. The wounds which she had desired for herself – of contrition, of compassion, of longing for God –

enabled her to find in the wounded Christ God's answer to our own vulnerabilities, smallness and pain, and to see not only his wounds but our own transfigured with Resurrection glory. May this be your experience as you accompany him along the Way of Sorrows, and proclaim with Thomas when you recognise the wounded Saviour risen from the dead: 'My Lord and my God!'

Faithfully yours in him,

Fr Richard

FORTY BISHOPS AT THE JULIAN SHRINE

At the end of January we were greatly honoured by the visit of 40 Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops to the Julian Shrine. Among the party were Their Graces the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Fr Richard gave a talk to the bishops about the life and teaching of the Lady Julian and the witness and ministry of her Shrine today. A framed copy of the letter received from Pope Francis last May was displayed at the entrance to the cell. After time to pray in the church, to explore the grounds and to visit the Julian Centre and All Hallows Guesthouse, the bishops then shared a 'fraternal walk' along King Street to Norwich Cathedral. The visit was part of a 24 hour ecumenical gathering which also included worship, presentations and discussions, meals and plenty of opportunities for dialogue and friendship. We were so pleased that their programme was able to include time at St Julian's: it was a day of tremendous blessing and encouragement for us all.



ABOVE: Joint Anglican-Roman Catholic bishops meeting at St Julian's © Mazur cbcew.org.uk



ALL HALLOWS GUEST HOUSE AND THE JULIAN CENTRE

From the resident steward, Josiah English

The rhythm and running of a retreat house - like farming, tending a garden, and for that matter much of life - is rooted in the seasons. As winter approaches and the weather turns colder, visitor numbers dwindle and the guests we welcome begin to come for different reasons. In January at All Hallows we welcomed a wide range of people looking to detox from the busyness of Christmas and start the new year afresh, those wanting to visit the Shrine and the city of Norwich slowly and methodically, with plenty of time for resting and being still. In many ways, it is in the winter that a retreat house is fully embraced. Often the warmer weather and long evenings inspire visitors to go out to the city or countryside, to busy themselves with activities and days out, things which bring their own joys and comforts, but which are often a distraction from the rest of which so many of us live in constant need. But for visitors joining us in the depth of winter, there are

steaming cups of herbal tea, a roaring fire, and a greater sense of quiet both within and without the house.

The renewed Julian Shrine, including All Hallows and the Julian Centre, continue to grow from strength to strength.

As well as all the events and festivals celebrating the 650th anniversary of Julian's revelations, we had an exciting mention of All Hallows in *The Guardian* newspaper last autumn, which recommended us highly for anyone staying in Norwich. We continue to garner rave reviews from the many guests who stay with us, and I am pleased to say that since we opened just over 18 months ago, we have already hosted well over 500 visitors, including a growing number of regular guests who are beginning to form part of a peripheral community around the Julian Shrine.

We continue to make improvements to the site, inside and out, with our latest addition being a much wider (and

TOP LEFT: Josiah in the Julian Centre. TOP RIGHT: The new steps at All Hallows



safer) set of stone steps, leading from the patio outside the Julian Centre and All Hallows down into the Julian Garden, soon to be completed with the installation of a pair of oak gates. This is one step further in our plans to link all parts of the Julian Shrine together, and we look forward to the gates being flung open in clement weather, with greater access between the buildings. The main path, including step-free access between the Julian Centre and

the Church, remains the route along St Julian's Alley.

With an increase in volunteers, the Julian Centre is now able to open three days a week. We hope to expand our opening hours throughout the year, so that this important part of our work can grow and thrive. If you live locally, and would like to join us, please get in touch: josiah.english@julianofnorwich.org

Josiah English

THE JULIAN CENTRE

If you are visiting Norwich, there is an excellent selection of books and gifts available from the Julian Centre, currently open from 10am to 3.30pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.





JULIAN FESTIVAL WEEK PROGRAMME

Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th May 2024

Wednesday 8th May: Feast of Julian of Norwich

10am Mass at St Julian's Church

10.30am-7pm Silent Prayer at St Julian's: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Cell open)

7.30pm Sung Mass at St Julian's Church

Thursday 9th May: Ascension Day

4pm Workshop at the Julian Centre with sculptor Caroline McKenzie

An interactive engagement with Caroline's Holy Mother Wisdom sculpture ** Includes a contemplative liturgy.

Friday 10th May

10.30am Julian Meeting at St Julian's Church.

11am Julian Centre open for coffee & refreshments before the book launch.

12noon-1pm Launch of the paperback edition of *Julian of Norwich & the Problem of Evil* by Richard Norton CJN. Dialogue between Richard and Fr Bruce Batstone, followed by discussion. Copies will be available for purchase. **

5pm Mass at St Julian's Church

7.30pm Performance of 'CELL' at the National Centre for Writing, King Street, Norwich - a play written and performed by Cindy Oswin ** Co-sponsored by the NCW

** Information available at the time of writing. Please refer to Friends' website for more details about these events, and/or to book tickets. Thank you.

IMAGES: LEFT: Julian icon, RIGHT: 'Holy Mother Wisdom' by Caroline Mackenzie

THE JULIAN PARTNERSHIP

From the Secretary, Howard Green

The Friends collaborate actively with the Julian of Norwich Partnership, which is a group of all the organisations with a close interest in the 'Julian Campus', i.e. the Church and Church Garden, the Julian Centre and the All Hallows Guesthouse.

The best news from the Partnership is that of the increasing popularity of the All Hallows guesthouse, and the growth in bookings. We have just increased staffing levels to enable us to honour all those who wish to book. Do look at the amazing reviews on the website: www.allhallowsnorwich.co.uk/rooms

Well, well done to Josiah for the creation of such a special environment there.

Each of us plays a different part: the Diocese of Norwich provides housing for the Priest Director, the Parish sustains the life of the Church and Cell, the Community of All Hallows provides generously for the upgrading and upkeep of the Julian Centre and Guesthouse, and Norwich Cathedral provides management expertise and experience to the whole. We, the Friends, draw in the support of individuals who, by their membership subscriptions and physical presence, assist in furthering Julian's message from Norwich. We thank Angela Robson, the founding Chair of the organisation for four years of hard work and look forward to the Bishop of Norwich appointing a replacement Chair shortly.



FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH IN AUSTRALIA

The Friends of Julian of Norwich in Australia have produced a new look newsletter, The Hazelnut.

They thank Barbara Lumley for

her commitment and wonderful work in leading the group for the last four years. A steering group will now share responsibilities.

Do you have recommendations of items to include in their future newsletters?

Please contact: ausfriends.julianofnorwich@gmail.com



WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

The Hazelnut



THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Report May 2023 – May 2024

1. The Objects of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

The Charity's objects ("the objects") are to advance the education of the public in the Shrine of Lady Julian of Norwich and to advance religion by promoting and furthering the work of the Shrine of Lady Julian of Norwich.

In furtherance of the above the Friends shall:

- (a) increase public awareness and knowledge of the life and writings of Julian of Norwich;
- (b) increase public awareness of the Julian Cell and encourage visits;
- (c) foster spirituality:
 - (i) engage in regular prayer
 - (ii) provide financial support for the upkeep and maintenance of the Julian Cell or such other religious or secular organisations promoting Julian of Norwich or spirituality in general
 - (iii) provide facilities for pilgrims and other visitors
 - (iv) provide and maintain a reference library of books on Julian and on spirituality in general
 - (v) make available for purchase books on Julian and on spirituality
 - (vi) produce or assist in the production of literature on Julian
 - (vii) publish a newsletter for members
 - (viii) promote scholarship, preaching, study and research on Julian
 - (ix) give or arrange for talks and lectures to be given on Julian
 - (x) assist in maintaining and improving the Julian Cell.



2. Membership, 31 December 2023

At the end of last year there were 2,089 members worldwide. If Friends from any country or region want us to arrange contact with each other, please let our Secretary know: howard.green@julianofnorwich.org

Argentina	1	Greece	1	Phillipines	1
Australia	35	Hong Kong	1	Poland	1
Brazil	1	Ireland	6	Portugal	1
Canada	26	Italy	1	Singapore	1
China	1	Japan	1	South Africa	3
Czech Republic	1	Malaysia	1	Sweden	3
Denmark	1	Mexico	1	Taiwan	1
Finland	1	Netherlands	4	Togo	1
France	6	New Zealand	6	UK	546
Germany	2	Norway	1	US	144
				Unknown (email only)	1,283

3. Trustees & Executive Committee

The trustees of the registered charity and the charity’s Executive Committee are one and the same. The trustees that were agreed at the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) (see minutes in this newsletter) were in place all year and in October 2023 a further trustee, Andrea Cornes, was co-opted, and now seeks election to the Board by the members at the 2024 AGM. After very many years’ service, two trustees, namely Shirley Buxton and Felicity Maton, are not seeking election for the coming year. Any Friend of Julian wishing to nominate any trustee to stand for election for the coming year should inform the secretary@julianofnorwich.org by 1st May 2024.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting



SATURDAY 13th MAY 2023

1. APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Ron Ingamells, Angela Robson, Jennifer Salisbury, Chris and Sandy Swift, Andrew Thomson, Anne Welsh, Jackie Whal.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM on Saturday 7th 2022

There were no comments. The minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record of the AGM. Fred Thompson proposed Richard Norton seconded.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2022

Pre-examination accounts present in the Annual Report. Copies of the post-examination accounts are available now. They will be sent to the Charity Commission shortly. There has been expenditure supporting the beginning of the Partnership and in preparation for the Julian650 celebrations. Jenni Hancock, Treasurer, wrote:

"My pre-examination figures and report were published in the Easter newsletter and the full examined accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission as usual. My thanks to Nicholas Fudge our independent examiner.

"The full accounts include the Friends' contribution of stock to the Partnership's shop in The Julian Centre. Although this was mentioned in my report, it did not form part of the income & expenditure published in the newsletter.

"This has increased the deficit in the examined accounts to £15,803. However, this is not a cash expense and is offset by a reduction in the value of stock assets.

"We ended the year with cash assets of £89,895, and total assets & reserves of £101,000 comprised of: £47k General Funds; £54k Designated & Restricted Funds.

"I am delighted to report that the Friends were able to cover all general fund outgoings with voluntary and sales income – a huge thanks to everyone who has supported us with subscriptions, donations, purchases or attending events.

"Our overall financial position is very healthy. The trustees have been able to commit a considered amount to this year's anniversary projects maintaining sufficient reserves for future expenses."

Stephanie has been instrumental in maintaining our eBay shop which has been important in keeping income going even though the Julian Centre Shop has been closed during the period of the accounts. Sally-Anne Lomas proposed, and Patricia Menaul seconded that the annual accounts were accepted. The annual accounts were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

5. TRUSTEES’ ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2021 TO MAY 2022

This had been circulated prior to the AGM which is included in the Easter Newsletter, copies of which were available to attendees of the AGM.

6. ELECTION OF NEW TRUSTEES TO FRIENDS OF JULIAN

Robert Fruehwirth has stood down as a Trustee and is not offering to stand again. Shirley Buxton has stood down as a Trustee and offered to stand again. A vote of thanks was offered to Shirley for her service to us as our Chair. A vote of thanks was offered to Howard for his service to us as our Secretary.

Professor Catherine Rowett has attended a Trustees’ meeting by invitation and has indicated that she would be interested in being a Trustee. It was proposed by Shirley Buxton and seconded by Felicity Maton that we formally invite her to join us.

The next meeting of Trustees will elect new officers.

Sally-Anne proposed, and Fred Thompson seconded Shirley’s re-election to the Trustees.

Following this meeting the position of the Trustees is now as follows:

NAME	TYPE	YRS SERVED
1. Revd Richard Stanton	Priest for St John’s Timberhill with St Julian’s	Ex Officio
2. Unfilled :	A member of the Community of All Hallows	Ex Officio
3. Shirley Buxton	Elected 1 of between 5 and 9	0
4. Howard Green	Elected 2 of between 5 and 9	1
5. Margaret-Mary McFadyen	Elected 3 of between 5 and 9	2
6. Sally-Anne Lomas	Elected 4 of between 5 and 9	2
7. Felicity Maton	Elected 5 of between 5 and 9	2
8. Fred Thompson, CJN	Elected 6 of between 5 and 9	2
9. Lesley Mitchell	Elected 7 of between 5 and 9	3

7. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINER

Patricia Menaul and Lesley Mitchell seconded that Nicholas Fudge be appointed for the following year. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. AOB

Shirley thanked all the trustees and particularly Father Richard for all the work that has characterised an extremely busy year in and around the Julian Campus. Gill Butterworth, CJN, thanked everyone involved in the Julian650 Programme of Events, particularly Lesley Mitchell for all her work on keeping the website up to date. Shirley spoke about the Julian of Norwich Partnership. The Chair of the Partnership is Angela Robson. In her absence, Sue Snasdell, Trustee, thanked the Friends for their generosity and willingness to make the Partnership work and thanked Richard for his work and good spirit, and Howard Green for his work behind the scenes.

9. NEXT YEAR’S AGM DATE

Saturday 11th May 2024. Agenda is available on page 18.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Jenni Hancock

At first glance, the 2023 finances of the Friends show a significant deficit. However, this does not reflect the full picture, which is much more positive.

The Friends oversaw many of the celebratory events and activities held to mark the 650th anniversary of Julian's 'showings'. A commemorative bench was commissioned, 'Love is the Meaning' art exhibition was staged, and a series of lectures was held along with various events online and across Norwich. The net cost to the charity was £13,400 of which £1,955 had already been designated from a legacy in 2022, and £11,445 was a planned withdrawal from reserves.

We are always greatly appreciative of the support given by Friends and Companions but were particularly encouraged by the response to the Bench Appeal, and the anniversary events.

The Trustees aim to operate within a balanced budget, with general expenses being covered by subscriptions, donations, and sales. If we disregard the anniversary finances, this was achieved with a surplus of £2,700.

We did not make additional contributions to the Julian Partnership, other than the agreed £5,000 from the designated Vision Fund towards the Priest Director.

The charity's free reserves at the end of 2023 were £24,300, approximately 14 month's expenses. The trustees continue to look for innovative ways of meeting the charity's objectives while ensuring that sufficient funds remain to cover essential expenses.

*TOP LEFT: Martin Cook, Lesley Mitchell and Bishop Graham Usher with the hand carved anniversary seat
TOP RIGHT: The Julian Garden festival*

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME	2023 General	2023 Designated	2022 Total
Friends' subscriptions, donations, Companions' gifts	£13,570.95	£4,426.50	£14,216.20
Legacy gift	£0.00	£0.00	£1,954.59
Festival & Events (includes bench appeal)	£1,852.33	£5,004.10	£3,147.06
Bank Interest	£289.88	£804.41	£190.55
Sales	£6,347.57	£0.00	£7,348.17
Purchase of stock by partners	£1,577.90	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£23,638.63	£10,235.01	£26,856.57
EXPENDITURE	2023 General	2023 Designated	2022 Total
Purchase of Stock	£4,533.98	£0.00	£3,358.03
Bank and online partner charges	£1,875.81	£56.76	£1,646.23
Other expenses (eg promotion, postage)	£1,362.26	£0.00	£1,311.29
Charitable activities (eg newsletter, events)	£3,976.63	£22,774.01	£6,637.08
Depreciation of fixed assets (fixtures & pc)	£288.00	£0.00	£288.00
Contribution to Julian of Norwich Partnership	£0.00	£5,000.00	£25,000.00
Running Expenses (utilities, website, admin)	£7,318.02	£0.00	£8,068.20
Purchase of stock for partners	£1,577.90	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	£20,632.62	£27,830.77	£46,308.83
Transfer between funds	(£11,446.50)	£11,446.50	£0.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) for the year	(£8,740.47)	(£6,149.26)	(£19,452.26)

FRIENDS OF JULIAN AGM AGENDA

AGENDA of AGM of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

Saturday 11th May 2024 at 2.15pm

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last AGM on 13th May 2023
3. Matters arising
4. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, together with the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending May 2024
5. To elect members of the Board of Trustees
6. Appointment of Financial Examiner
7. Any other business

Please notify the Secretary by 7 May 2024 of any items to be discussed or proposals regarding trustee membership: howard.green@julianofnorwich.org

AUTUMN RETREAT: REVELATIONS OF DIVINE LOVE

Led by Gail Adams and Ian Adams



Friday 27 and Saturday 28 September at St Julian's Church and St John the Baptist, Timberhill, Norwich

We're greatly looking forward to welcoming Gail Adams and Ian Adams, chaplains at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, to lead this year's in-person Autumn Retreat.

Gail is a spiritual director and life coach. Ian is a spiritual director, poet and photographer, and writes about the spiritual life.

You can find them on X (formerly Twitter): @urbelov_ed and @pacebene

They have a deep heart for Julian and will bring a creative spirit in reflecting on what she has to say to us. They write: 'Over 650 years after Julian's Shewings, we continue to find ourselves nourished, moved and challenged by Julian's prayerful reflections on her experience. We sense that Julian is a gift for our times, and invite you to join us as we explore excerpts from Revelations of Divine Love. This retreat will offer a spacious mix of teaching, stillness and contemplative prayer, with space and time to enjoy and pray in the Julian cell, church and garden.'

Space will be limited, so keep an eye out for booking details coming soon.

If you'd like overnight accommodation at All Hallows Guesthouse, you can book direct at www.allhallowsnorwich.co.uk

COMPANIONS' REPORT

from Fr Bruce Batstone CJN ObOJN



***'Therefore I pray you all, for God's sake, and tell you for your own good, that you do not let your eye dwell on the humble woman this was shown to, but let your sight go beyond and wisely, humbly and mightily behold God who, by his courteous love and endless goodness, wishes it to be widely known to comfort us all.'* RDL 8**

These words from the Lady Julian resonated with an online talk I recently attended about the theological discipline of Christology, defined as a lively enterprise engaging with people and how they encounter Christ in their own lives. For Companions of Julian, our intention is to dwell before God, as Julian did herself, keeping her company, offering our own experiences of joy and sorrow in intercession for the world in which we live today. This question "Who is Jesus to me?" is one that is answered in Julian's Revelations, a Christological enterprise par excellence, and invites us to seek God in the texture of our lives.

This theme was the subject of an online conference, hosted by the Companions of Julian just over a year ago, when a series of speakers considered what Julian presence may mean in the twenty first century. Some of these talks have subsequently been published by SLG Press, and Julian of Norwich: Four Essays Commemorating 650 Years of The Revelations of Divine Love is available to purchase from the Julian Centre, and the FOJ website.

At this time, we have 40 Companions. Of these, 26 live in the UK; 1 in Scandinavia; 6 in Australia/New Zealand and 7 in North America. There are also 6 aspirants and 2 enquirers.

For more information about the Companions of Julian please see the website.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted that *For Thy Great Pain Have Mercy On My Little Pain* by Victoria MacKenzie, about the meeting of Julian of Norwich and Margery Kempe, is the Winner of the Saltire First Book Award and is Scottish First Book of the Year 2023

We'd like to warmly congratulate Victoria on her win. The book is available from the Julian Centre.





JULIAN FESTIVAL DAY & Friends of Julian of Norwich AGM

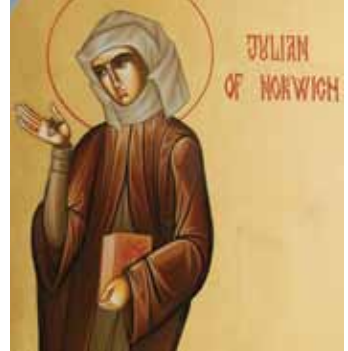
Saturday 11th May 2024

The Julian Festival Day is organised by the Friends of Julian of Norwich.

This year is the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Friends.

You are welcome to join us in person for any part of the day.

Visit julianofnorwich.org nearer the date for more details and information.



10.30am	The Friends' 40th anniversary Julian Lecture at Norwich Cathedral by the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams (Lord Williams of Oystermouth), hosted by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter
11.30am-12noon	Q&A with Rowan Williams at the Cathedral
12.15pm	Drinks available at the Julian Centre
12.45pm	Mass at St Julian's Church with renewal of vows by the Companions of Julian
1.30pm	Lunch: Bring your own; drinks available in the Julian Centre
2.15pm	Friends of Julian: AGM at St Julian's Church (all welcome to attend - Agenda on page 18)
3.30pm	Finish

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Sales	6,348	0	0	6,348	7,348
Festival and Events	1,852	5,004	0	6,856	3,147
	8,200	5,004	0	13,204	10,495
Other Receipts					
Purchase of stock by partners	1,578	0	0	1,578	0
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Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(8,738)	(6,151)	0	(14,889)	(38,702)

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Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023 General	2023 Designated	2023 Restricted	2023 Total	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds					
Purchase of Stock	4,534	0	0	4,534	3,358
Postage of stock sold	1,362	0	0	1,362	1,180
Charges - bank and online partners	1,876	57	0	1,933	1,646
Advertising & promotion	0	0	0	0	131
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Management & Administration					
Insurance	665	0	0	665	648
Telephone and Internet	0	0	0	0	502
Online Outreach	2,650	0	0	2,650	2,629
Printing and Stationery	180	0	0	180	384
Accountancy Fees	150	0	0	150	150
Bookkeeping Fees	2,408	0	0	2,408	1,711
Membership Administration	645	0	0	645	678
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Trustees' Travel	0	0	0	0	0
Trustee Meetings	0	0	0	0	0
Training	530	0	0	530	1,217
Depreciation	288	0	0	288	288
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Bank Balances					
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Barclays	1,382	0	0	1,382	3,093
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	1,058	0	0	1,058	1,025
Paypal	193	0	0	193	97
Nationwide Business Saver	16,981	48,019	0	65,000	65,000
Ebay	30	0	0	30	41
	24,067	47,974	1,195	73,236	89,895
Other Monetary assets					
Stock Value at 31.12.2023 at Cost	6,760	0	0	6,760	5,981
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Investment Assets					
ISBN registration fee	48	0	0	48	48
Valuation of Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use					
Computer and other equipment	0	0	0	0	288
Reference Library books	7,059	0	0	7,059	6,928
	7,059	0	0	7,059	7,216
Plus Debtors note 1	707	45	0	752	383
Less Creditors note 2	488	1,250	0	1,738	2,518
Total Net Assets and Reserves	38,153	46,769	1,195	86,117	101,005

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Easter Newsletter 2022



A Message from the Chair, Shirley Buxton CJN

Dear Friends & Companions,

“God did not say, ‘You shall not be tempest-tossed,’ but he said ‘You will never be overcome’.”

These wise words from Julian’s 16th shewing have been in my mind for the last few days as the reports came in of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. They are words written on some of the bookmarks enclosed with ‘40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich’, the reading for our online Lent Course. We cannot walk in someone else’s shoes, feel their sorrows and joys, experience their pain and delight but we can be with them through prayer, joined in the surety of God’s love and presence. The call has gone out across the world to pray for those plunged into a war-torn chaos, a situation far beyond my experience and understanding, to pray they may know of God’s love in their distress and the conflict speedily resolved.

Through Julian’s writings we hear the clear message of God’s steadfast love for us, an unchanging love always there in times of trouble as well as times of joy. It is a love that cannot be broken even in the darkest moments. Assured that we are held securely in this way enables us to have the confidence to explore our inner selves, to change and to grow. ‘A 40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich,’ opens up an opportunity to do just this and by the time this letter reaches you, many of you will have embarked on this journey led by passages from Julian’s Revelations of Divine Love. We are so fortunate to have modern technology to allow Friends on different continents to participate.

The roll out of vaccines together with a relaxation of Covid restrictions meant that Friends of Julian could gather in person for our Julian October Retreat with Emma Pennington. We also decided to offer an opportunity to join the retreat online, a dual practice which we aim to continue with future events. At the forthcoming Julian Festival in May we plan to welcome Friends to the Festival Eucharist and the Annual Julian Lecture online as well as in person.

Most of the Trustees’ meetings have been online but we did manage two in person meetings in the autumn. The second of these Meetings included a half day workshop. We considered how various changes brought about by the Covid pandemic, the evolution of the Julian Partnership and the exciting

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developments on the Julian Campus have impacted on the future of the Friends of Julian of Norwich. Having agreed that the wording of our objectives continues to be accurate, our discussions included reviewing our welcome pack, making it easier for people to become a subscribing Friend of Julian, projecting the Julian Shrine to the world and equipping us to be an effective worldwide organisation. In the last year we have embraced many challenges and opportunities. We plan to build upon what we have experienced and learnt.

On your behalf I would like to thank to all the Trustees, for their generosity in giving their time, commitment and expertise. A special thanks to Peter Colback who is standing down as a Trustee at the AGM. Over the past few years, Peter has created a new website that gives the Friends of Julian scope to reach out to members and others seeking knowledge about Julian and her writings. We are grateful that Peter has offered to keep in touch and give us help and advice when it is necessary. Thanks

also to our secretary, Howard Green, who is undertaking training so he can oversee the running of the website.

In January it was a pleasure to welcome Josiah English and his wife Jo as he took up his post as House Steward in All Hallows House. With them came their doves and quails. All seem to be settling in well. A couple of days ago Josiah showed me around the house. The upstairs work is virtually finished and downstairs the kitchen is now fitted and much of the painting completed. It is beginning to look splendid. We look forward to everything being finished and visitors being welcomed.

I urge you all to become involved in the Julian650 Celebrations next year acknowledging the anniversary of Julian's Shewings that led to her writing 'Revelations of Divine Love.' It is an opportunity for us all to arrange events to spread her message of God's love for all people.

May we all welcome the love, peace and joy of Easter.

Shirley Buxton, CJNI





LIFE AT ST JULIAN'S

NEWS FROM FR RICHARD STANTON, PRIEST DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The cell at St Julian's is dominated by the great crucifix suspended on the wall above the altar. It was carved by the German sculptor Faust Lang (1887-1973), the gift of the Community of All Hallows to the rebuilt church in the 1950s.

Born in Oberammergau, famous for its Passion Play, Lang emigrated to England in 1934 and settled in St Ives in 1949. I find his powerfully expressive crucifix at St Julian's profoundly moving, not least when I climb a ladder each year on the Saturday afternoon before the Fifth Sunday of Lent and shroud it in a great purple cloth for Passiontide, my arms stretching to reach the cloth around that massive sign of the 'breadth and length and height and depth... the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge'.

The veiling of the crosses in the church during Passiontide is one of the psychological devices with which we mark the season of intense preparation for our celebration of the

Christian Passover: as the physical crucifix disappears from sight, we test what impression the Cross of Jesus has made on our hearts and minds.

Whenever you or I trace the sign of the cross on our bodies in public worship or private prayer, on entering a church or seeing a funeral cortège, we express both our confidence in the saving power of the Cross and our desire to make the life-giving Cross a reality in our daily lives. 'I want to know Christ,' said St Paul, 'and the power of his Resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death': those, too, are the words, in a different translation, on the fourth Station of the Cross in St Julian's, where the Lord meets his sorrowful Mother. One of the lovely hymns for the evenings of Passiontide articulates the hope which Christian people place in the Cross:

*When kindly slumber calls thee,
Upon thy bed reclining,
Trace thou the Cross of Jesus,
Thy heart and forehead signing.*

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LIFE AT ST JULIAN'S *(continued...)*

*The Cross dissolves the darkness,
And drives away temptation;
It calms the wavering spirit
By quiet consecration.*

It is good that the cell at St Julian's should be dominated by the crucifix, since for Julian the Cross is the supreme manifestation of the love of God towards his people. She knew that nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ. 'Lo, how I loved thee' are the words cut into the stone beneath the crucifix

on the 1930s memorial to Julian in her cell. As we prepare for Holy Week and our immersion in the Paschal Mystery, each of us can hear those words addressed to us personally and corporately: 'Lo, how I loved thee.'

May you and I strive this Passiontide to receive that love more gladly, and so come by way of Christ's Passion and Cross to the glory of the Resurrection.

**Yours faithfully in our crucified
and risen Lord,**

Fr Richard

THE JULIAN PARTNERSHIP

FROM THE SECRETARY, HOWARD GREEN

The Friends of Julian are one of the founder partners of the Julian Partnership, along with Norwich Cathedral, the Parish of Timberhill, the Diocese of Norwich, and the Community of All Hallows. In the last year the Partnership has been making strides in laying the foundations for giving further impetus to the regeneration and renewal of the Julian Campus – the Church with the Cell, the Churchyard/Garden, the Julian Centre and All Hallows House in Norwich. A great deal of work has gone into setting up the banking arrangements, recruiting volunteers to serve as Treasurer and Secretary, articulating plans up to and including May 2023, the 650th anniversary of Julian's shewings, finalising the leases on the two buildings, and formalising the loan of the Friends' libraries.

The brightest spots of the year have undoubtedly been the arrival and work of Edwin Wilton-Morgan, curate at Norwich Cathedral with a dedicated role at St Julian's Church, and Josiah English as resident House Steward at All Hallows House. Edwin has been enriching the worship and communal life around the Shrine, engaging positively with nearby organisations and particularly the nearby Primary School. Josiah, joined by his wife Jo, have taken the bold step of moving into All Hallows House before all the building work has been completed and is planning how to make it sustainable financially and fostering it as a place of intentional community, welcome to pilgrims and service to the locality.

Truth be told, however, a very great deal of work and effort this last year has had to go into addressing the refurbishment requirements of both the Julian Centre and All Hallows House. The Community of All Hallows has been exceedingly generous in their response as work and budget have been repeatedly overrun as new building requirements have been identified. Revd Richard Stanton and supporting colleagues from the Partnership Board have worked tirelessly in the teeth of the pandemic to get the two buildings open to the public as soon as possible.



THE JULIAN CAMPUS

FROM THE RESIDENT STEWARD IN ALL HALLOWS, JOSIAH ENGLISH

Greetings from Norwich!

My wife Jo and I arrived in this fine city from Birmingham to take up residence at All Hallows House on 17 January. Accompanying us on our move were our flock of quail and bevy of doves, who have taken to Norwich with the same enthusiasm that we have. We are settling in quickly, not only to the flat upstairs at the back of All Hallows but also to the city itself.

The church community in our parish has been extremely welcoming, making us feel wanted and loved in our new home, and we have fallen in love with this vibrant, creative city which manages to offer shops, amenities and eateries catering for every – even our own esoteric – taste.

Meanwhile, I have also been settling into my role as Resident Steward, which presently includes chivvying the builders along as well as disaster avoidance measures to avert ill-considered aesthetic decisions made through a miscommunication between subcontractors!

Since our arrival we have cleared out and cleaned up the loft space and sheds, and begun work taming the garden. After a few slow months of building work, I am pleased to announce that the pace has picked up and great strides have been made since our arrival. The bedrooms and bathrooms upstairs are completed; the new kitchen has been fitted and commissioned; and even as I write, the flooring in the hallway downstairs is being laid and new foundations set to widen the exterior doorway for wheelchair access.

The painters will conclude their work next week, and the finishing touches inside should be done within a fortnight. Behind the scenes I have been preparing our online booking system so that when the works are finished and the rooms are furnished we will be able to offer accommodation as soon as possible. Though we are unable to give a firm launch date, it is my fervent hope that by late spring everything will be in readiness so that we can throw open our doors and invite one and all to stay with us. I look forward to seeing you then!



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Report May 2021 – May 2022

1. The Objects of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

The Charity's objects ("the objects") are to advance the education of the public in the Shrine of Lady Julian of Norwich and to advance religion by promoting and furthering the work of the Shrine of Lady Julian of Norwich.

In furtherance of the above the Friends shall:

- (a) increase public awareness and knowledge of the life and writings of Julian of Norwich;
- (b) increase public awareness of the Julian cell and encourage visits;
- (c) foster spirituality:
 - (i) engage in regular prayer
 - (ii) provide financial support for the upkeep and maintenance of the Julian cell or such other religious or secular organisations promoting Julian of Norwich or spirituality in general
 - (iii) provide facilities for pilgrims and other visitors
 - (iv) provide and maintain a reference library of books on Julian and on spirituality in general
 - (v) make available for purchase books on Julian and on spirituality
 - (vi) produce or assist in the production of literature on Julian
 - (vii) publish a newsletter for members
 - (viii) promote scholarship, preaching, study and research on Julian
 - (ix) give or arrange for talks and lectures to be given on Julian
 - (x) assist in maintaining and improving the Julian cell.



2. Membership, 31 December 2021

At the end of last year there were 1,385 members worldwide. We are pleased to learn that local groups have been established and are meeting online. If Friends from any country or region want us to arrange contact with each other, please let our Secretary know: howard.green@julianofnorwich.org

Argentina	1	Greece	1	Phillipines	1
Australia	31	Hong Kong	1	Poland	1
Brazil	1	Ireland	6	Portugal	1
Canada	14	Italy	1	South Africa	2
China	1	Japan	1	Sweden	5
Czech Republic	1	Malaysia	1	UK	550
Denmark	2	Mexico	1	US	163
Finland	1	Netherlands	3	Unknown	
France	5	New Zealand	5	(email only)	581
Germany	2	Norway	1		

3. Trustees & Executive Committee

Rev Richard Stanton – Parish Priest in charge of the Julian Campus	
Shirley Buxton CJN (Chair)	Peter Colback
Revd Robert Fruehwirth	Howard Green (Secretary)
Sally-Anne Lomas	Felicity Maton
Margaret-Mary McFadyen	Lesley Mitchell
Fred Thompson CJN	

Trustees standing down and invitation for applications for new Trustees

In accordance with our Constitution two members of the Board of Trustees retire each year, but can be willing to stand again for election. Because we have one member retiring at the AGM, if any Member who would wish to bring their skills to the Trusteeship into the 650th anniversary year of Julian's shewings, please contact our Secretary: howard.green@julianofnorwich.org by Monday 2nd May, 2022.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

Minutes of the Virtual Annual General Meeting on Zoom



THURSDAY 10th JUNE 2021 19:00 BST (30 participants)

1. APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Andrew Thompson and Anne Welsh, the newly appointed Social Media lead for the Friends.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM, Saturday 12th September 2020

There were no comments. Felicity Maton proposed and Gill Butterworth seconded that the minutes be accepted. The minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record of the AGM.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO YEAR END DECEMBER 2020

The Treasurer talked the meeting through the accounts published within the report, adding that there was an inter-year transfer necessary to more accurately reflect the cost of stock.

Peter Colback proposed and Fred Thompson seconded that the annual accounts were accepted. The annual accounts were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

5. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2020 TO MAY 2021

This had been circulated prior to the AGM.

Shirley Buxton commented on the challenges that had been faced by the Friends of Julian Trustees since the Coronavirus pandemic. Having to communicate online had encouraged an expansion of events online to reach members across the world. She expressed particular thanks to Peter Colback and Howard Green for their hard work in launching the new website and ensuring that meetings went smoothly online.

Shirley handed over to Fr Richard Stanton who gave the meeting an up-to-the minute update on how work was progressing with the work of the Partnership and refurbishment of All Hallows House, along with photographs of how the renovation is progressing. The Julian of Norwich Partnership was formally launched on St Andrew's day the 30th November 2020.

It was anticipated that if the refurbishment remains on schedule that the retreat house will be formally opened at the end of October 2021. This will possibly coincide with a live and online retreat planned at the end of that month. A job description for the appointment of a House Steward will be formally agreed at the next Trustees meeting in July. Fr Richard asked those present to let him know if they're aware of any lay or ordained person who may be suitable for the position. Funding for the structural work and refurbishment of All Hallows had been generously given by the Community of All Hallows and the Friends of Julian Vision fund. The Partnership Trustees were to meet later in June and Fr Richard encouraged those present to pray

for the outreach of the Julian Campus and to speak positively of the changes in order to foster good relationships with the church and the worldwide community.

Appreciation was shared during the meeting for the Lent course organised with Norwich cathedral and the lecture given by Professor Vincent Gillespie.

6. ELECTION OF NEW TRUSTEES TO FRIENDS OF JULIAN

Gill Dascombe had decided to stand down and was not seeking re-election.

Sally Anne Lomas and Fred Thompson CJN had completed their term of office, although they were happy to be re-elected.

Felicity Maton, who had been co-opted was willing to be elected as a new trustee. Margaret Mary McFadyen was unanimously proposed as a new trustee.

All four were unanimously approved by the meeting. The next meeting of Trustees on 27th July 2021 will elect new officers.

Following this meeting the position of the Trustees is now as follows:

NAME	SENIORITY (IN YRS)	STATUS
1. Rev Richard Stanton	Priest for St John's Timberhill with St Julian's	Ex Officio
2. A member of the:	Community of All Hallows	Ex Officio
3. Shirley Buxton	1 Elected	2
4. Peter Colback	2 Elected	2
5. Margaret-Mary McFadyen	3 Elected	0
6. Revd Robert Fruehwirth	4 Elected	1
7. Howard Green	5 Elected	3
8. Sally-Anne Lomas	6 Elected	0
9. Felicity Maton	7 Elected	0
10. Lesley Mitchell	8 Elected	1
11. Fred Thompson, CJN	9 Elected	0

7. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINER

Jenni Hancock proposed that Nicholas Fudge be appointed for the following year. Seconded by Howard Green. Unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. AOB

There was no outstanding business requiring discussion.

9. NEXT YEAR'S AGM DATE

Hopefully this will be a live meeting, with Zoom coverage on Saturday 7th or Saturday 14th May 2022.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Jenni Hancock

At the end of another unusual year, I am pleased to report that, despite the Friends of Julian of Norwich accounts showing a deficit, the overall position is positive.

Although total voluntary income fell, we are encouraged by the increase in regular support from Friends and Companions. Online sales have been steadily building but it will take time to match our previous in-person sales. As such, we continue to rely on the generosity of our supporters.

(continued overleaf)

The increase in expenditure, resulting in a deficit, is partly due to depreciation of equipment and partly because of broadening our online outreach. As part of this investment, we employed Anne, our Social Media Lead, to engage with the wider Julian community online.

Our general cash reserves remain healthy at approximately £30,000. Trustees are considering how to best use some of our reserves while being conscious of the need to protect against future deficit.

The trustees were delighted to make a sizable contribution to the Julian Partnership towards the refurbishment of All Hallows House. The donation came from the designated Vision Fund and is part of our larger financial commitment to the Julian campus and Partnership.

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME	2021 General	2021 Designated	2020
Friends' subscriptions, donations, Companions' gifts	£11,618.42	£150.00	£13,239.15
Legacy gift	£800.00	£18,745.43	£0.00
Conference & Events	£2,014.72	£0.00	£377.13
Bank Interest	£1.53	£41.50	£172.42
Sales	£5,491.65	£301.00	£7,435.00
Bookstall	£0.00	£0.00	£709.40
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£11,810.43
Miscellaneous income	£19.32	£0.00	£96.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£19,945.64	£19,237.93	£33,840.41
EXPENDITURE	2021 General	2021 Designated	2020
Purchase of Stock	£3,216.95	£3,959.24	£2,459.35
Credit Card, ebay & Paypal charges	£1,367.75	£0.00	£806.44
Other expenses (eg promotion, postage)	£636.85	£0.00	£73.63
Charitable activities (eg newsletter, events)	£5,126.40	£25,000.00	£6,036.17
Depreciation of fixed assets (fixtures & pc)	£1,462.55	£0.00	£0.00
Running Expenses (utilities, website, admin)	£10,948.07	£0.00	£12,038.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	£23,500.86	£25,000.00	£21,413.90
SURPLUS for the year	(£3,555.22)	(£5,762.07)	£12,426.51

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS & COMPANIONS OF JULIAN IN AUSTRALIA



FROM BARBARA LUMLEY, FACILITATOR

Greetings from Australia and as I write this, I wish to honour the Dharug and Gundungurra peoples of the Blue Mountains west of Sydney on whose land I live.

Our First Nations people have always understood the revelation shown to Julian that all of creation is sacred.

We are now in our second year, meeting together each first Monday of the month and I am delighted to say that we have Friends who

have joined us from most states of Australia as well as a Friend from New Zealand.

During the Julian Festival in May, two of our members will be accepted as Companions. They are Joan Small and me. Julian has been our Companion since the eighties.

It is a gift to have this community of Friends to explore and learn together more of Julian and her revelations of Divine Love.

THE DIFFERENCE THE FRIENDS MAKE...

The annual financial contribution from each Friend enables Julian's insights into God and his endless love to be made more widely available. Lectures, retreats, books and tweets are but a few ways we engage with people. Being an active part of the Julian Partnership is an exciting step with many new opportunities ahead. Is your subscription due at this time of year? Many Friends have thoughtfully set up a regular yearly payment, which helps us for the future.

email: treasurer@julianofnorwich.org



A SPECIAL MESSAGE If you've received this newsletter by post and you would be happy to receive an email copy in future, please send your email address to us at contact@julianofnorwich.org. This would make our communication with you so much easier, and save valuable funds. Thank you.



THE JULIAN WEBSITE

FROM PETER COLBACK

“Mighty enough to love me”

This sentence above seems to be a beautiful place to have ended up a number of times over the last few years as a Trustee. It has been a gift for me to be able to help the Friends of Julian (FOJ) start using technology smarter and to work with many Trustees getting the new website up.

The plan has always been to develop a connectedness that is real and meaningful for each Friend and Companion; the ease that news and articles can now be added to the website and the way the team meetings now work to achieve this with Trustees in various countries has been such a great step forward.

I have had the joy of working with Howard, Shirley and many since 2016 and my leaving as a Trustee is not because I don't want to help anymore, but I think the projects completed and now in place give a space for another as Trustee ... this is merely a changing of the tide like enjoying the same view over the same beautiful beach ... in my head I have the Friends of Julian as the beach at Lindisfarne with the causeway continually daily covering and uncovering and the timelessness of the view is the all and wonderfully real in itself, rather than being dependent on the one who is looking at it. That is how I see FOJ and I am just really thankful that for these years I have enjoyed such beautiful views and had such deep friendships grow that were so welcome and unplanned and ongoing, equally now, timeless.

Still here only as you need me – so lovely to have new Trustees on board for this next ebb and flow of the tide.



COMPANIONS' REPORT

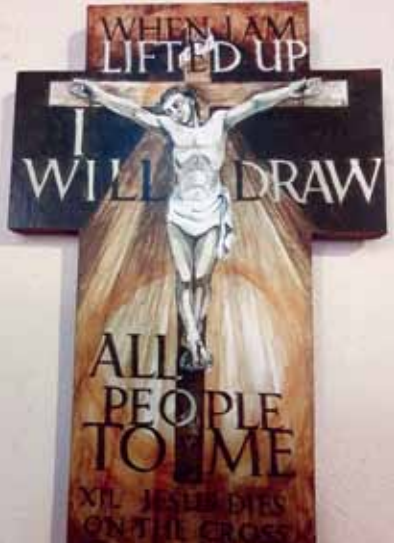
FROM Fr. BRUCE BATSTONE,
CJN OboJN



As a Companion of Julian of Norwich, I try to immerse myself in the Revelations of Divine Love as much as I can.

Since moving for part of the week to Norwich, it is a real treat to attend the Friday 5pm Mass regularly in St Julian's Church, when a short excerpt from the Revelations is read. This is a time of worship, close to Julian's Cell, where her legacy is especially resonant, and a time when those who wish to companion her in a life of prayer, intercession and service are especially remembered. Companions are prayed for by name at this Mass, and any intentions sent in via the Friends of Julian website, or that of the St John's Timberhill, with St Julian's website, will also be included

in the prayers on a Friday evening. One of the Marks of a Companion is to grow in intercessory prayer, and it is a lovely thought and remembrance that Companions of Julian all over the world are praying together at 5pm GMT on a Friday. We are blessed with five aspirant Companions, most of whom will be received this year, and who will join the 36 strong international dispersed communion of Companions of Julian across the world. To find out more about the Companions of Julian, see the Friends of Julian website.



JULIAN650 – THE 650th ANNIVERSARY OF JULIAN'S *SHOWINGS*

FROM TRUSTEE, LESLEY MITCHELL

2023 will be the 650th anniversary of Julian's *Showings*, which gifted us her *Revelations of Divine Love*. As Trustees of the Friends of Julian we have been considering the activities that we'd like to organise, and supporting the Julian of Norwich Partnership in planning events to celebrate this important anniversary year.

We are in the process of finding a high-profile speaker to deliver the 42nd Annual Julian Lecture. We are thinking of hosting an online gathering, to discuss a different book about Julian each month during 2023.

It is our hope that Friends and Companions of Julian, wherever you are in the world, will be inspired to organise your own local celebrations throughout the year. The Friends of Julian would like to offer a programme that provides a wide range of suitable Julian events, large and small. Here are a few ideas to set you thinking: a retreat or a series of half-hour meditations; an evening speaker or a day conference; a musical performance or an art installation; a book, writing or discussion group; a planned visit to the Julian Cell in Norwich; an exhibition or an evening of readings.

More people are discovering Julian's message and finding it pertinent in these turbulent times. Please let us know of your ideas and plans for what could be a very special Julian650 celebration.

Watch out next year for new books about Julian and republications of special editions.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION



juliansshowings



#JuliansShowings

Since June 2021, we've enjoyed the opportunity to chat online with you on Twitter and Facebook, and we're delighted to have heard from some Friends who are keen to take the plunge with social media in order to join in.

Recent conversations have been about the Lent Book Group, the appointment of the new steward at All Hallows, and International Women's Day (8 March 2022).

You can see our posts just using your usual web-browser:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/juliansshowings>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/JuliansShowings>

If you want to reply, you'll need to sign up for accounts. The good news is that if you already use email, it's not a huge leap to sign up for either Facebook or Twitter. We've published some step-by-step instructions that include plenty of screenshots:

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0075/6206/8079/files/Getting_Started_on_Facebook.pdf

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0075/6206/8079/files/Getting_Started_on_Twitter.pdf

They include how to find and follow us on the platforms and also some recommendations to preserve some of your privacy online (which we know that some Friends are wary about).

Anne Welsh, Social Media Lead, anne.welsh@julianofnorwich.org

THE 41st JULIAN FESTIVAL LECTURE

Saturday 7th May 2022 at 12.00 BST

'Julian of Norwich and Ecological Consciousness'

The Trustees of the Friends of Julian (now part of the Julian of Norwich partnership) in association with the Montgomery Trust look forward to welcoming Dr Claire Foster-Gilbert, Director of the Westminster Abbey Institute.

Claire will talk about how Julian's spirituality may guide our responses to the ecological crises. Her lecture will be given in St Julian's Church, live-streamed, following the Festival Eucharist.

Further details about accessing the live streaming, and then the location of the recording, will be available nearer the time on our website: www.julianofnorwich.org.



Julian Festival 2022 & Friends of Julian of Norwich AGM

Saturday 7th May

10:30-11:30	The Eucharist * celebrated by Fr Richard Stanton, Priest Director of The Julian Campus
	CJN Renewal of Vows
12:00-13:00	41st Annual Julian Lecture: <i>Julian of Norwich & Ecological Consciousness</i> * given by Dr Claire Foster-Gilbert
13:00-13:45	Lunch (bring your own)
13:45-14:30	AGM *
14:40-15:40	Forum 1. The Julian Partnership 2. Julian650 Celebrations 3. The role and future developments of the Friends and Companions of Julian of Norwich
15:50-16:10	Julian Office

**streamed live. NB this schedule is provisional*

For those staying in Norwich:

Friday 6th May	17:00 Mass in St Julian's Church followed by light refreshments and drinks
Sunday 8th May	09:00 Mass at St Julian's Church followed by Breakfast

AGENDA of AGM on Saturday 7th May 2022 at 13:45.

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of last AGM in June 2021
 3. Matters arising
 4. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, together with the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending May 2022
 5. To elect members of the Board of Trustees
 6. Appointment of Financial Examiner
 7. AOB
- Notification of any further topics to the Secretary by May 2nd 2022:
howard.green@julianofnorwich.org

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

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Receipts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021 General	2021 Designated	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Donations:					
Membership Subscriptions	5,292	0	0	5,292	4,435
Companions Donations	4,656	0	0	4,656	3,878
Other Donations	936	0	150	1,086	3,641
Tax refundable on Gift Aid	734	0	0	734	1,286
Legacies	800	18,745	0	19,545	0
	12,418	18,745	150	31,313	13,240
Operating Activities to further Charity's Objects:					
Sales	5,492	301	0	5,793	7,435
Bookstall	0	0	0	0	709
Festival and Events	2,015	0	0	2,015	377
	7,507	301	0	7,808	8,521
Other Receipts					
Hire of the Julian Centre	0	0	0	0	80
Miscellaneous income	19	0	0	19	17
	19	0	0	19	97
Investment Income:					
Bank Interest	2	42	0	44	172
Grants					
Grant funding	0	0	0	0	11,810
Total Receipts	19,946	19,088	150	39,184	33,840
Total Payments (page 2)	(23,501)	(25,000)	0	(48,501)	(21,415)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(3,555)	(5,912)	150	(9,317)	12,425

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Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021 General	2021 Designated	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds					
Purchase of Stock	3,959	0	0	3,959	2,459
Postage of stock sold	572	0	0	572	74
Credit Card, Paypal, and Ebay charges	1,368	0	0	1,368	806
Advertising & promotion	65	0	0	65	0
	5,964	0	0	5,964	3,339
Charitable Activities					
Newsletter production and postage	1,202	0	0	1,202	1,279
Provisions and Domestic Expenses	0	0	0	0	191
Festival and Events Expenses	2,084	0	0	2,084	0
Social Media Project	1,840	0	0	1,840	0
Furthering the Shrine of St Julian	0	0	0	0	2,900
Contribution to the Julian Partnership	0	25,000	0	25,000	1,667
	5,126	25,000	0	30,126	6,037
Management & Administration					
Equipment	211	0	0	211	235
Insurance	1,177	0	0	1,177	1,155
Electricity	53	0	0	53	657
Telephone and Internet	1,344	0	0	1,344	1,426
Online Outreach	5,434	0	0	5,434	3,558
Computer Systems and Website modernisation	0	0	0	0	436
Repairs and Maintenance	0	0	0	0	775
Printing and Stationery	319	0	0	319	1,303
Accountancy Fees	150	0	0	150	150
Bookkeeping Fees	1,382	0	0	1,382	1,929
Membership Administration	448	0	0	448	0
Miscellaneous Expenditure	194	0	0	194	355
Trustees' Travel	0	0	0	0	32
Trustee Meetings	226	0	0	226	0
Training	10	0	0	10	0
Depreciation	1,463	0	0	1,463	0
Rates & Water Rate	0	0	0	0	28
	12,411	0	0	12,411	12,039
Total Payments	23,501	25,000	0	48,501	21,415

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	2021 General	2021 Designated	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Bank Balances					
Nat West Current	19,003	301	1,195	20,499	17,235
Barclays	2,359	0	0	2,359	8,072
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	1,011	0	0	1,011	1,011
Paypal	1,176	0	0	1,176	4,242
Nationwide Business Saver	8,232	76,768	0	85,000	85,000
Ebay	37	0	0	37	0
	31,818	77,069	1,195	110,082	115,560
Other Monetary assets					
Stock Value at 31.12.2021 at Cost	25,036	0	0	25,036	25,525
	25,036	0	0	25,036	25,525
Investment Assets					
ISBN registration fee	48	0	0	48	48
Valuation of Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use					
Computer and other equipment	0	0	0	0	1,063
Furniture , fitting and fixtures	0	0	0	0	300
Reference Library books	6,928	0	0	6,928	5,827
	6,928	0	0	6,928	7,190
Plus Debtors note 1	258	0	0	258	2,583
Less Creditors note 2	1,682	1,250	0	2,932	2,169
Total Net Assets and Reserves	62,406	75,819	1,195	139,420	148,737

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Note to The Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	2021 General	2021 Designated	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Note 1					
Debtors					
Sales	5	0	0	5	30
Membership	40	0	0	40	0
Electricity (credit balance)	0	0	0	0	24
Grant (Norwich City Council Covid Support)	0	0	0	0	1,810
Tax refundable on Gift Aid (claimed)	213	0	0	213	195
Online retreat ticket sales	0	0	0	0	377
Trade Debtors	0	0	0	0	5
Parmentergate PCC (St Julian's church)	0	0	0	0	142
	258	0	0	258	2,583

Note 2

Creditors

Membership Administration	60	0	0	60	0
Accountancy	150	0	0	150	150
Trade Creditors	842	0	0	842	378
Book keeper	207	0	0	207	302
Social Media Lead	103	0	0	103	0
Online Outreach	229	0	0	229	0
Newletter postage	0	0	0	0	75
Postage of stock sold	91	0	0	91	0
Miscellaneous expenses (PPE)	0	0	0	0	14
Contribution to the Julian Partnership	0	1,250	0	1,250	1,250
	1,682	1,250	0	2,932	2,169

Certificate of Approval

Approved by the Friends of Julian of Norwich at the AGM on Saturday 7th May 2022, and signed by:

Shirley Buxton - Chair

Howard Green - Secretary

THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages one to four.

Respective Responsibilities of Officers and Examiner

The Charity's Officers are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The Charity's Officers consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the Accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Officers concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Nicholas Fudge
27 Lyhart Road
Norwich
Norfolk
NR4 6RF

Dated

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Total Receipts	19,946	19,088	150	39,184	33,840
Total Payments (page 2)	(23,501)	(25,000)	0	(48,501)	(21,415)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(3,555)	(5,912)	150	(9,317)	12,425

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Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021 General	2021 Designated	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds					
Purchase of Stock	3,959	0	0	3,959	2,459
Postage of stock sold	572	0	0	572	74
Credit Card, Paypal, and Ebay charges	1,368	0	0	1,368	806
Advertising & promotion	65	0	0	65	0
	5,964	0	0	5,964	3,339
Charitable Activities					
Newsletter production and postage	1,202	0	0	1,202	1,279
Provisions and Domestic Expenses	0	0	0	0	191
Festival and Events Expenses	2,084	0	0	2,084	0
Social Media Project	1,840	0	0	1,840	0
Furthering the Shrine of St Julian	0	0	0	0	2,900
Contribution to the Julian Partnership	0	25,000	0	25,000	1,667
	5,126	25,000	0	30,126	6,037
Management & Administration					
Equipment	211	0	0	211	235
Insurance	1,177	0	0	1,177	1,155
Electricity	53	0	0	53	657
Telephone and Internet	1,344	0	0	1,344	1,426
Online Outreach	5,434	0	0	5,434	3,558
Computer Systems and Website modernisation	0	0	0	0	436
Repairs and Maintenance	0	0	0	0	775
Printing and Stationery	319	0	0	319	1,303
Accountancy Fees	150	0	0	150	150
Bookkeeping Fees	1,382	0	0	1,382	1,929
Membership Administration	448	0	0	448	0
Miscellaneous Expenditure	194	0	0	194	355
Trustees' Travel	0	0	0	0	32
Trustee Meetings	226	0	0	226	0
Training	10	0	0	10	0
Depreciation	1,463	0	0	1,463	0
Rates & Water Rate	0	0	0	0	28
	12,411	0	0	12,411	12,039
Total Payments	23,501	25,000	0	48,501	21,415

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	2021 General	2021 Designated	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Bank Balances					
Nat West Current	19,003	301	1,195	20,499	17,235
Barclays	2,359	0	0	2,359	8,072
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	1,011	0	0	1,011	1,011
Paypal	1,176	0	0	1,176	4,242
Nationwide Business Saver	8,232	76,768	0	85,000	85,000
Ebay	37	0	0	37	0
	31,818	77,069	1,195	110,082	115,560
Other Monetary assets					
Stock Value at 31.12.2021 at Cost	25,036	0	0	25,036	25,525
	25,036	0	0	25,036	25,525
Investment Assets					
ISBN registration fee	48	0	0	48	48
Valuation of Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use					
Computer and other equipment	0	0	0	0	1,063
Furniture , fitting and fixtures	0	0	0	0	300
Reference Library books	6,928	0	0	6,928	5,827
	6,928	0	0	6,928	7,190
Plus Debtors note 1	258	0	0	258	2,583
Less Creditors note 2	1,682	1,250	0	2,932	2,169
Total Net Assets and Reserves	62,406	75,819	1,195	139,420	148,737

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Note to The Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	2021 General	2021 Designated	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Note 1					
Debtors					
Sales	5	0	0	5	30
Membership	40	0	0	40	0
Electricity (credit balance)	0	0	0	0	24
Grant (Norwich City Council Covid Support)	0	0	0	0	1,810
Tax refundable on Gift Aid (claimed)	213	0	0	213	195
Online retreat ticket sales	0	0	0	0	377
Trade Debtors	0	0	0	0	5
Parmentergate PCC (St Julian's church)	0	0	0	0	142
	258	0	0	258	2,583

Note 2

Creditors

Membership Administration	60	0	0	60	0
Accountancy	150	0	0	150	150
Trade Creditors	842	0	0	842	378
Book keeper	207	0	0	207	302
Social Media Lead	103	0	0	103	0
Online Outreach	229	0	0	229	0
Newletter postage	0	0	0	0	75
Postage of stock sold	91	0	0	91	0
Miscellaneous expenses (PPE)	0	0	0	0	14
Contribution to the Julian Partnership	0	1,250	0	1,250	1,250
	1,682	1,250	0	2,932	2,169

Certificate of Approval

Approved by the Friends of Julian of Norwich at the AGM on Saturday 7th May 2022, and signed by:

Shirley Buxton - Chair

Howard Green - Secretary

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages one to four.

Respective Responsibilities of Officers and Examiner

The Charity's Officers are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The Charity's Officers consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the Accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Officers concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

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Dated