



Christ Church

The Annual Fund 2015

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH



Sustaining and enhancing the House

Making a difference

The new version of the House's highly acclaimed development plan, *In Perpetuity*, is now in the final stages of production and is due to be published in early 2016. It addresses shifting demands both from within the University of Oxford and in a broader educational context, while maintaining its focus on the maintenance of Christ Church's core values: the tutorial system, bursary support, historic fabric and upgraded facilities, sporting and cultural accomplishment, the Cathedral and its music.

Since its inception in 2002, the Annual Fund has grown world-wide and has made a major contribution to Christ Church enabling past, current and future Members to make the best of their time at the House. The fund raising efforts of the American Friends of Christ Church preceded the launch of the Annual Fund by ten years and *In Perpetuity* by nearly fifteen. Its main focus was, and remains, the American Friends' Scholarships. As part of the wider continuous programme, the Annual Fund traditionally targets areas where a large number of donations can make a significant difference. Some of these are recurring requests, such as

for the American Friends' Scholarships, bursary support and the tutorial system. Others may be in response to current building projects (the Blue Boar lecture theatre in 2008/09 or the Library restoration the following year and now Peckwater Quad, work on which began in October).

Additionally there are, from time to time, important needs where an allocation from the Annual Fund can make the difference that makes it happen. This year, significant improvements were made to the facilities in Lecture Room 2, the JCR and the Library. Funds were also made available for the

ongoing digitisation projects, including the digitisation of some important items from the Lewis Carroll collection. Participation has always been central to the success of the Annual Fund. Small gifts from a large number of people can have a transformative effect.

In every case, it is the goal of the Annual Fund to support projects that are of value to Members. Adapting to changing demands, whilst still preserving the special advantages of being educated at Christ Church, remains our first and firm priority.



What you did last year

“In the 2014 Annual Fund, the American Friends of Christ Church raised some \$250,000 to benefit the House, of which approximately \$105,000 was allocated to the American Friends’ Scholarships with the balance allocated to other areas of interest to individual donors.

The total raised in the Annual Fund appeals has now comfortably surpassed one million dollars (just under \$1,300,000) with \$800,000 given to the American Friends’ Scholarships. This is a truly remarkable record for a relatively small number of donors and the Annual Fund continues to go from strength to strength.

For this and much more, those who study and work at Christ Church owe a debt of gratitude.”

Mr Peter S. Paine, Jr, President,
American Friends of Christ Church, Inc.



American Friends’ scholarships

The American Friends’ Scholarships, an integral part of our Annual Fund appeal in the United States, are designed to benefit US citizens who have completed their undergraduate work at a North American University and who wish to pursue graduate studies in any subject at Christ Church. The financial support of the American Friends is essential to enable those graduates who are in need of help to take up their studies in Oxford. Thanks to your generous donations over a number of years, the Governing Body has been able to transfer \$255,000 into an endowment fund to offer one American Friends’ Scholarship in perpetuity.

The following eight US postgraduate students are currently studying at the House as American Friends’ Scholars (*left to right*):



Matthew Thomas – Theology (Pepperdine University, California)

Megan Loumagne – Theology (Biola University, CA)

Steven DeLay – Philosophy (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)

Michael Boemo – Biological Physics (Rutgers University)

Hannah Kinney – Art History (The Bard Graduate Centre, NY)

Sonja Noll – Oriental Studies (Colby College, Waterville, ME)

Benjamine Liu – Computational Biology & Psychiatry (Yale)

James Van Dyke – Theology (University of Virginia)

“It’s hard to imagine a better place to study the History of Art than at Oxford and Christ Church. Lurking around every corner there is treasured painting, a glowing stained glass, or an ancient stone that encapsulates the rich history not only of the House, but also the history of art. In such an environment it is so easy to be constantly inspired to ponder humanity’s complex relationship with art. I came to Oxford for just this opportunity, to see and experience the works of art that in the States are confined to museums and textbooks. Easy access to the treasures of this country and Europe has expanded my research in innumerable ways. I am so grateful for my American Friends of Christ Church Scholarship, which will allow me to continue my research in museum collections across Europe and to share my findings at conferences in the UK and US, thereby enabling me to better position myself as an academic whose work is known on both sides of the Atlantic.”

Hannah Kinney, American Friends’ Scholar 2015



Supporting the tutorial system

Tutoring in colleges has been, for the majority of undergraduates, the most formative influence on their educational development at Oxford. The Governing Body of Christ Church is determined that financial constraints, and the pressure for young academics to publish for career development, should not be detrimental to the tutorial system.

The House is currently seeking funds for such posts in PPE, Classics, Geography, English, Law, Modern History, Chemistry and more recently Modern Languages, a campaign for which was launched this year.

If you would like to hear more about these particular initiatives, please contact the Development Office.



Bursary support

Christ Church is committed to an open admissions policy where students are admitted on ability and potential alone. While resisting pressure for any form of social engineering, we wish to offer support to those who might be deterred by the financial burdens of a three or four year period. This is even more the case, following the recent changes to tuition fees.

Bursary support is a vital objective that can be appreciated by those of us who benefited from a period when University education came at little or no cost.

The need for financial support is certain to increase over time, particularly as the top universities look to greater independence from Government funding and intervention. To this end, the Annual Fund seeks to build up a bank of bursary support.

Donations to bursary support will be allocated 50% to current undergraduates and 50% to the accumulation of an endowment fund that will support undergraduates in perpetuity.

THE GAUDY YEAR CAMPAIGN

Every year in January, we run a campaign in the UK through which we ask for gifts towards the discretionary bursary fund from people whose Gaudy took place during the previous year. This has been enormously successful and last year saw a record breaking \$360,000 pledged. Although we do not contact our alumni in America directly as part of the campaign, we would be delighted if you felt able to join your contemporaries in the UK if it was your Gaudy year in 2015: 1991–1993 (in June) and 1994–1996 (in October).

Whether you were able to make it over to celebrate with us or not (and we're fortunate that so many of you do), all gifts are gratefully received and are allocated to the bursary fund (unless another preference is specified). We very much looking forward to reporting on another success in 2016.

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Supporting the Cathedral Music Trust

The Cathedral Music Trust was officially launched in 2014 with a concert and reception at St James's Palace, attended by HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. The aim of the Trust is to preserve, in perpetuity, a tradition of the best choral music at Christ Church, through endowment of 60% of its cost.

Within this target we aim to increase scholarship funding for Choristers to 100% of school fees, in line with other world-class Cathedral choirs, to ensure that affordability is no impediment to Christ Church attracting the best voices.

The Choir of Christ Church, Oxford, was founded nearly 500 years ago, and is justly famous for the youthfulness of its sound and its daring and adventurous musical programming. Cardinal Wolsey set out to establish a choral foundation which would be the best in England, and John Taverner was recruited to be its first Director of Music. Since 1546, the Choir has been set apart from all other collegiate and cathedral choirs since it serves both an Oxford college and a diocese at the same time, in a unique and celebrated dual foundation. It has a special and distinctive place within the great English choral tradition.

If you would like your gift to support the Music Trust, please indicate your preference on the donation form.



Boat Club Bicentenary Project

Last year we were pleased to announce that Alex Beard (Biochemistry, 1985) and Emma Verneti have pledged to match all new gifts to the Boat Club, on a dollar for dollar basis, up to a total of just over \$1,300,000 (£800,000). This wonderfully generous gift means that any new donation or pledge to the Boat Club will be worth double, if made before the end of 2016. Donations of all sizes made through the American Friends qualify in exactly the same way as any other. If you would like to support this project – and double the value of your gift to the House – just specify Boat Club Project on the donation form. To date we have raised nearly \$550,000, so there is still some way to go and the backing of all who are interested in the Boat Club is vital.

The bicentenary of the Boat club, which is one of the oldest in the world, takes place in 2017. The Bicentenary Project aims to secure the future of the club by endowing it in perpetuity. The fund will cover the Boathouse and Boatman's costs, currently funded by the Treasury; an annual sum for coaching; and hardship grants to cover associated rowing costs and to encourage the best oarsmen and women to choose the House.

A special Boat Club celebration is planned for Friday 16th June 2017.



Naming your room

In addition to an on-going requirement to restore and preserve the historic fabric of Christ Church, rooms on staircases are being rotationally upgraded and refurbished to meet twenty-first century standards of comfort and energy efficiency. At the same time great care is taken to preserve the traditional character of the rooms, which Members will remember from their time at the House.

A building fund has been established, offering Members the opportunity to name their room with a commemorative plaque that records in perpetuity their time at the House.

The cost of naming a room is at the top end of an Annual Fund contribution. An annual donation of \$8,000 over five years for a total of \$40,000 will name a room and qualify for the Board of Benefactors



Supporting the House – unrestricted fund

If you have no particular preference for any of the above targets, but would nevertheless like to support Christ Church through the Annual Fund, giving to 'Unspecified' allows the Board of American Friends of Christ Church in consultation with the Development Office maximum flexibility in topping up areas where there may be a shortfall or other pressing needs that may arise during the course of the year.



Christ Church BOARD OF BENEFACTORS

The Board of Benefactors recognizes Members and Friends of Christ Church who have made donations for any purpose of at least \$40,000. The Board has a dual purpose in that it is both a recognition of a major contribution to our development objectives, and also a vehicle for participation in our future. It is hoped that it will encourage a continuing interest in Christ Church as well as a willingness to offer advice, connections and support. Full benefits of Membership, can be obtained from the Development Office and are explained in 'In Perpetuity', the House's development programme for the medium term. Benefactions may typically be made over a period of up to five years. For US taxpayers, contributions towards the Board of Benefactors status may be made to the American Friends of Christ Church, Inc.



The Moritz-Heyman Project – for young donors

The Moritz-Heyman Project was launched at the end of 2014 and thanks to the enormous generosity shown by younger Members of the House, \$38,000 had been pledged by the end of the academic year. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative.

The project recognises and matches support from Members of the House who donate within five years of leaving.

Members who donate a minimum of \$100 in any one year are entitled to join. Thanks to the generosity of Sir Michael Moritz and Harriet Heyman, the value of your gift to the House for the Annual Fund will be doubled because it's being matched dollar for dollar. As a special thank you, you will receive a certificate from the Dean, an invitation to an exclusive annual event at the House, and special recognition in the donors' book, which is published in *Development Matters*.

Donations to the project may be made through the American Friends.



The Moritz-Heyman Project drinks reception, Rothschild Bank, London.



How to give to the Annual Fund

Old Members and Friends of Christ Church who are taxpayers in the United States can make their gifts on a tax deductible basis subject to normal limitations. Please send checks made payable to 'American Friends of Christ Church, Inc' (specifying the project you prefer to support) to:

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If you are considering a gift of securities, please contact Peter Paine for delivery instructions.

If you would like to wire funds:
Name of bank: Champlain National Bank .
Account name: American Friends of Christ Church, Inc.
Account #: 1211078 .
ABA Routing #: 021310407

Unless anonymity is requested, all gifts will be acknowledged in a book of benefactors in Christ Church Library.

Further information on how you can support Christ Church is available on our website at www.chch.ox.ac.uk/alumni

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