



Christ Church

The Annual Fund 2017

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH



Sustaining and enhancing the House

Making a difference

Since its inception in 2002, the Annual Fund has made a major contribution to the programme, enabling past, current and future students to benefit from everything that goes with membership of the House.

The fund raising efforts of the American Friends of Christ Church preceded the launch of the Annual Fund by ten years. As part of the wider continuous development, it specifically targets areas where a large number of smaller gifts can make a significant difference. These include recurring requests, such as for the American Friends Scholarships, bursary support and the tutorial system.

Additionally there are, from time to time, important innovations where an allocation from the Annual Fund can make the difference that makes it happen. This year, significant contributions were made to the Peckwater renovations and the Computer Science project spearheaded by the arrival at the House of Sir Tim Berners-Lee as Research Fellow. The American Friends Scholarships (page 2) has been the most targeted allocation for gifts from North America

In every case, we hope that the Annual Fund supports projects that are considered by Members to be of value. Adapting to changing demands, whilst still preserving the special advantages of being educated at Christ Church, remains our first and firm priority.

For this and for much else, we are grateful for your continuing support and generosity.



American Friends scholarships

The American Friends Scholarships 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 has proved to be essential to enable those graduates who are in need of help to take up their studies in Oxford.



What you did last year

"In 2016, the American Friends of Christ Church contributed, through the Annual Fund, some \$130,000 to benefit the House, of which approximately \$40,000 was allocated to the American Friends Scholarships; with the balance allocated to other areas of interest to individual donors.

The total raised by the American Friends via the Annual Fund appeal has now raised some \$1,630,000 million with just under \$850,000 given to the American Friends Scholarships. This is a truly remarkable record for a relatively small number of old Members.

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.

The 2017 American Friends Scholars:

Margaret Burr – Classical Archaeology (Williams College, MA)

Hannah Kinney – Art History (Sarah Lawrence College & The Bard Graduate Center, NY)

Megan Loumagne – Theology (Biola University, CA)

Bradley Roberts – Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics (St. Mary's College of Maryland, MD)

Jason Waite – Contemporary Art History and Theory (Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR)

Yi He – Political Theory (Columbia University, NY)

Steven Rubinyi – Geography and the Environment (University of Wisconsin – Madison, WI)





Sustaining 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 at 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.

Gifts are sought for tutorial endowment funds across the range of subjects, but currently for Law, English and Modern Languages in particular.

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



Undergraduate bursary report

An open admissions policy where students are chosen on ability and potential alone is a core value of the House. It is important, therefore, that competitive access is assured through financial assistance to those who might be deterred by the financial burdens of tuition fees and maintenance.

It is a fundamental objective that can be appreciated by all of us, especially as many of us have benefitted from a period when university education came at little or no cost.

The need for financial support is most likely 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.

Gifts 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.



“In my eyes, the miracle of the American Friends scholarship is in its capacity to allow scholars of any socio-economic background the chance to realize their potential.”

Gabriel Delaney – Politics (University of Pennsylvania)



Supporting the Cathedral and its music

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 the aim is to increase scholarship funding for Choristers to 100% of school fees, in line with other world-class Cathedral choirs, and thereby 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.

2018 will mark the final year in post for Professor Stephen Darlington, Cathedral Organist and Tutor in Music. Professor Darlington has been part of the fabric of Christ Church since coming up as organ scholar in 1971. He took up his current post in 1985, and has led the choir from strength to strength over the last 30 years. There will be events across the US in April 2018 to celebrate his achievement and wish him well in his retirement.

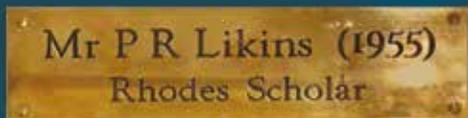
If you would like your gift to support the Music Trust, and to celebrate Stephen’s contribution to the Cathedral and the House, please indicate your preference on the donation form.

Computer Science at Christ Church and Oxford

Following the appointment in 2016 of Sir Tim Berners-Lee (inventor of the World Wide Web) as a Professorial Research Fellow at the House, Christ Church is committed to help transform the size and ambition of Oxford University’s Computer Science department in order to address the urgent need for more trained computer scientists in the UK and worldwide.

The House has appointed an Associate Professor, Yarin Gal, and welcomed the first cohort of Computer Scientists in October this year. Over the next five years, we will double the number of undergraduates at the House and aim to be an example for other Colleges within the University. We are seeking support from both individuals and corporate partners; if you would like to hear more about this very exciting development, please contact the Alumni Office.

Naming your room



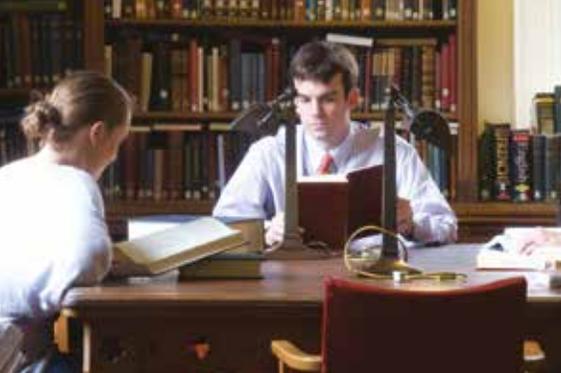
In addition to an on-going requirement to restore and preserve the historic fabric of Christ Church, rooms on staircases are being rotationally upgraded and

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 \$6,700 over five years for a total of \$33,500 will name a room and qualify for the Board of Benefactors.

The restoration and upgrade of the Peckwater quadrangle, already underway, and at a total cost of £9 million, presents an opportune moment for earlier incumbents to visibly and permanently record their presence, as well as defraying some of the restoration cost of such an iconic symbol of the House.



Unrestricted giving

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 of \$35,000. 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, but there is flexibility particularly for younger Members. For US taxpayers, contributions towards the Board of Benefactors status may be made to the American Friends of Christ Church, Inc. on a tax deductible basis subject to the normal limitations.

If you wish to support an area beyond those listed above, please contact the Development Office (development.office@chch.ox.ac.uk), or visit the American Friends website.

The Moritz-Heyman Project – for young donors

The Moritz-Heyman Project recognises and matches support from Members of the House who make a gift within five years of leaving. It was launched at the end of 2014 and, thanks to the generosity shown by younger members of the House, over £81,500 has been pledged so far, mostly for graduate and undergraduate bursary support.

The qualifying condition of the project is that Members within five years of going down, who give a minimum of \$100 in any one year, are qualified to join. Thanks to the generosity of Michael Moritz and Harriet Heyman, the value of such a gift to the House will be doubled because it is matched dollar for dollar. As a special thank you, Members will receive a certificate from the Dean, an invitation to an exclusive annual event, and special recognition in the donors' book, which is published in *Development Matters*.



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



How to give to the Annual Fund

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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To make a gift using a credit or debit card, please use the PayPal link on our website: www.americanfriendschch.org

If you are considering a gift of securities, please contact Peter Paine with a copy to his Executive Assistant Cindy Monty (cindy@americanfriendschch.org) for delivery instructions.

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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