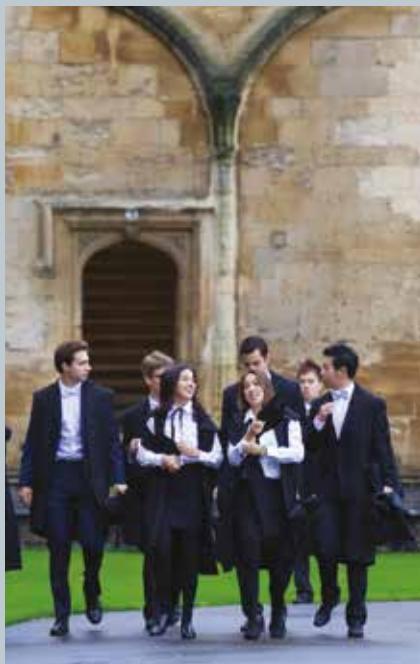




*Christ Church*  
**The Annual Fund 2016**  
THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH



# Sustaining and enhancing the House

## Making a difference

The second phase of the In Perpetuity plan is now well under way at Christ Church. It offers a continued progression towards financial independence, underwriting core values of the House through endowment and spendable gifts; namely: the tutorial system, graduate and undergraduate support, maintenance and upgrade of the historic fabric and its facilities, sporting and cultural accomplishment, the Cathedral and its music.

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. Its main focus was, and remains, the American Friends' Scholarships. 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 projects in the Picture Gallery, GCR and in the Library, where the digitising of the collections continues apace. The American Friends' Scholarships (page 2) has been the most targeted allocation for gifts from North America.

In every case, we hope that it 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.



## What you did last year

**"In the 2015, the American Friends of Christ Church contributed, through the Annual Fund, some \$200,000 to benefit the House, of which approximately \$10,000 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 \$1,500,000 with just over \$800,000 given to the American Friends Scholarships. This is a truly remarkable record for a relatively small number of 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.**



## 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.**



The 2016 American Friends' Scholars:

**Henry Bowles** – Greek & Classical Literature (Harvard University)

**Margaret Burr** – Classical Archaeology (Williams College, MA)

**Ester Cross** – Politics (Dartmouth College)

**Gabriel Delaney** – Politics (University of Pennsylvania)

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

**Megan Loumagne** – Theology (Biola University, CA)

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

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

**Jason Waite** – Fine Art (Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR)

*"It was Bismarck who said, "Politics is the art of the possible." There is, perhaps, no university in the world where this statement may be found more in evidence than at Oxford, and no college within it whose Members have contributed more to that belief than Christ Church. Studying politics in this place is not simply an opportunity earned, but also a privilege to which one should constantly strive to become worthy of. For in this House, we walk stride for stride in the shadows of giants—from prime ministers who served Queen and country valiantly, to philosophers like Locke and Rawls who will forever inform our understanding of democracy, freedom, and justice. The American Friends of Christ Church Scholarship has made it possible for the grandson of American immigrants to look up each night at the portraits of those giants and dream of building upon what they have already contributed to our world. In my eyes, the miracle of this scholarship is in its capacity to allow scholars of any socio-economic background the chance to realize their potential - to generate new ideas that shake the globe, to lead governments in the effective administration of the public good, and to, through the art of politics, make real what today exists only in the imagination."*

**Gabriel Delaney**, American Friends' Scholar 2016



## 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 (see below), but currently for Law, English and Modern Languages in particular.

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



## Supporting undergraduates

**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.

### THE GAUDY YEAR CAMPAIGN

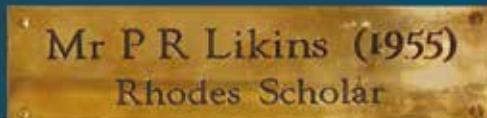
**Every year in January, there is a UK telephone campaign for gifts to the Undergraduate Bursary Fund from Members whose gaudy took place during the previous year. The 2016 gaudy years were 1997 - 1999 (in June) and 2000 - 2002 (in September).**

Whether you were able to make it over to celebrate with us or not (and we're fortunate that so many of you do), we would be delighted if you were able to support the campaign this year. All gifts are allocated to the bursary fund (unless another preference is specified) and we very much look forward to reporting on another success in 2017.



*“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)



## Preserving & enhancing the historic fabric

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.

## 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.

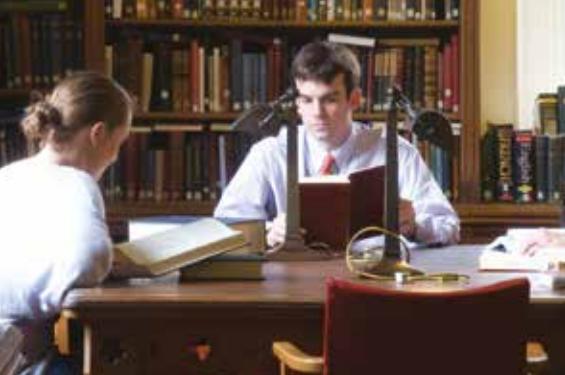
*If you would like your gift to support the Music Trust, please indicate your preference on the donation form.*

## Boat Club Bicentenary Project

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 Boatman's and Boathouse 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.

As a major assistance to the project, Alex Beard (Biochemistry, 1985) and Emma Vernetti have most generously 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 exceptional gift means that any new donation or pledge to the Boat Club will be worth double, if made before the end of 2016. Gifts 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 enclosed gift form. To date we have received over \$650,000, so there is still some way to go; and the backing of all who are interested in the Boat Club is vital.

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



## 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 \$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, 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](mailto:development.office@chch.ox.ac.uk)), or visit the American Friends website.

## The Moritz-Heyman Project – for younger members

**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 £48,000 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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Email: [peterspainejr@gmail.com](mailto:peterspainejr@gmail.com)

To make a gift using a credit or debit card, please use the PayPal link on our website: [www.americanfriendschch.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/alumni)

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