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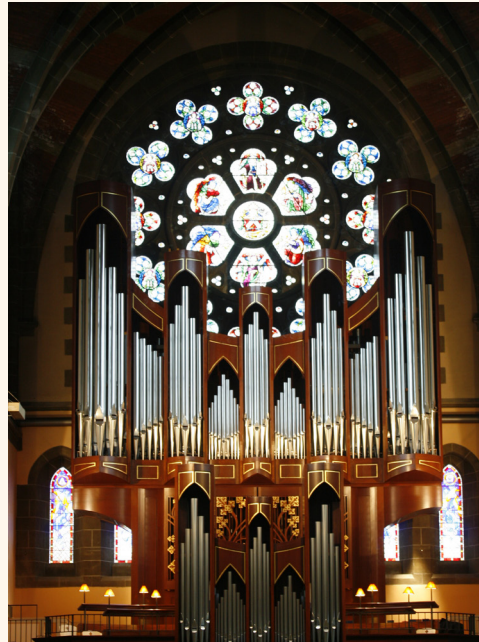
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Please send your completed form and payment to:
Christ Church Cathedral
930 Burdett Avenue
Victoria, B.C. V8V 3G8



Why join the Friends?

Friends enjoy:

- the opportunity of making an important difference to the spiritual, social, and cultural life of our community and the preservation of an invaluable heritage building;
- priority seating for specified cultural events at the Cathedral;
- an invitation to an annual Friends appreciation event;
- a guided tour of the Cathedral including the bell tower;
- the newsletter;
- a charitable receipt for donations.

How much does it cost to be a Friend?

Friends of Christ Church Cathedral pay an annual membership fee of \$50 for individuals and \$75 for couples and families. Fees may be paid by cheque or credit card, and a membership card will be mailed to you.

How do I join the Friends?

Complete the membership form enclosed in this brochure and mail it to:

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Membership brochures may also be downloaded from the Cathedral's website at

www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

or picked up at the Cathedral Office at 930 Burdett Avenue.

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An invitation to join

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL - A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Introduction

Christ Church Cathedral is the Cathedral of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia. The Diocese covers the area of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. The Cathedral is above all a community of faith that has accepted the challenge of providing a public spiritual home for church and society alike. While our beautiful building gives us visibility, it also creates a sacred imperative to provide a gathering place for people who value, support, and are committed to the things of the Spirit – prayer, music, art, the works of mercy, the demands of justice, the setting of a moral compass, and the deepening of faith, among others. The Friends of the Cathedral are invited both to identify with the wide range of ministries in which Christ Church Cathedral is engaged, and to provide timely support for the upkeep and enhancement of the buildings and grounds that are the platform for so much of what we do.

History

The first Christ Church (1856–1869) dates to the time of Fort Victoria, which was established by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1843. The wooden cathedral burned to the ground in 1869. The second Christ Church (1872–1929) was another wooden structure, which by the 1890s was deemed too small for the growing congregation.

In 1889 an architectural competition was launched for the design of a new Anglican cathedral in Victoria. The design was brought to reality by one of its creators, John Charles Malcolm Keith, a Scottish architect who moved his practice from San Francisco to Victoria to complete the work.

Lack of funds delayed the building of the new cathedral until 1923, when the cornerstone was laid by the Lord Bishop of London. When Winston Churchill visited Victoria in 1929, he laid a stone on the north tower. There were only enough funds to build the nave, the narthex and the lower portions

of the northwest and southwest towers. These were consecrated in September 1929.

In 1936, a peal of eight bells for change-ringing was installed in the northwest tower. The bells, made by Mears & Stainbank of Whitechapel, London, are of the same design as the peal at Westminster Abbey.

In 1957 the western towers were completed, and the arch over the rose window was built. To save costs the towers were built 12 feet shorter than originally specified.



In the 1980s a stone-clad addition—containing a chapel, a meeting room and ancillary spaces—was added to the east side of the cathedral.

In 2005, after 10 years of fundraising, a new organ was added. It is the largest organ ever built by Hellmuth Wolff and Associates of Laval, Quebec and has been praised by organists around the world. The organ has greatly enhanced the musical life of both the Cathedral and the city of Victoria.

With a nave measuring 93 feet by 140 feet, and 122-foot towers, Christ Church Cathedral is one of the largest churches in Canada.

Christ Church Cathedral has a rich and fascinating history. It is a building of significant heritage value to the city of Victoria, the province of British Columbia, and Canada.



FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral are a group of people who value and actively support the Cathedral, and who recognize its importance to the spiritual, social, and cultural life of Victoria. The Friends also cherish the heritage value of the Cathedral, and seek to ensure that it can be appreciated by future generations.

What do the Friends do?

The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral fulfill three main roles:

1. They are ambassadors to the community to widen both support for the Cathedral and awareness of its importance to the spiritual, social, and cultural life of Victoria;
2. They raise funds to support the maintenance, restoration, repair, conservation and beautification of the Cathedral, its grounds, and its cultural programs;
3. They provide their expertise, skills, and networks to support special projects of Christ Church Cathedral.

How do the Friends operate?

Working in consultation with the Dean and the Parish Council, the Friends support projects that require special funding above normal operating budgets. These projects may include, for example:

- Restoration work on the building
- Beautification of the Cathedral's landscaping
- Expansion of Cathedral arts and music