



Friends of Findon Church Update

The Friends Committee is delighted to announce that £15,000 was the sum available to spend after the first year of fundraising, of which £10,000 has already been given towards the cost of major repairs recently undertaken on the historic stained glass windows. Thank you to everyone who has become a Friend, who sponsored Helena's skydive, who helped at last year's Sheep Fair stall and who generally supports the Friends' fundraising efforts.

Sheep Fair Refreshments Stall

Once again the Friends of Findon Church has been given the opportunity to run the refreshments stall overlooking the main arena at the Sheep Fair on 8 September and we need volunteers, please, to sign up on the rota. Please let Jacqui Greaney know if you would like to spend an hour or two with our jolly team, serving cakes, making tea/coffee, buttering rolls or being cashier (07877 969580). All offers of help very gratefully received. If you can donate any cakes, please let Helena know at the Rectory (873601).



World Class Fundraising Concert on Our Doorstep

On **Friday 21 September**, at 7.00pm, the Friends are hosting a classical music concert at the church, in collaboration with the Shipley Arts Festival. We are lucky to be welcoming world-class musicians, the Bernardi Music Group, right on our doorstep to perform a beautiful programme, including Mendelssohn's Octet and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3. Tickets at £35 each, including canapés and refreshments on arrival, are available from Peckham's Butchers, Findon Village Store or from Helena at the Rectory. Tickets are selling fast so book now to avoid disappointment.

New Friends' Secretary

The Friends Committee is delighted to welcome Ian Watts as its new Secretary. The Committee would like to express their sincere grateful thanks to John Croft who held this role for the first year, and dedicated so much time and expertise into getting the Friends of Findon Church up and running, overseeing all the complicated and necessary paperwork. Thank you, John, and good luck, Ian!

Jacqui Greaney looks forward to hearing from everyone who would like to sign up on the Sheep Fair rota, and don't forget to book your 21 September concert tickets to enjoy a wonderful evening of beautiful classical music performed by world class musicians in our village.