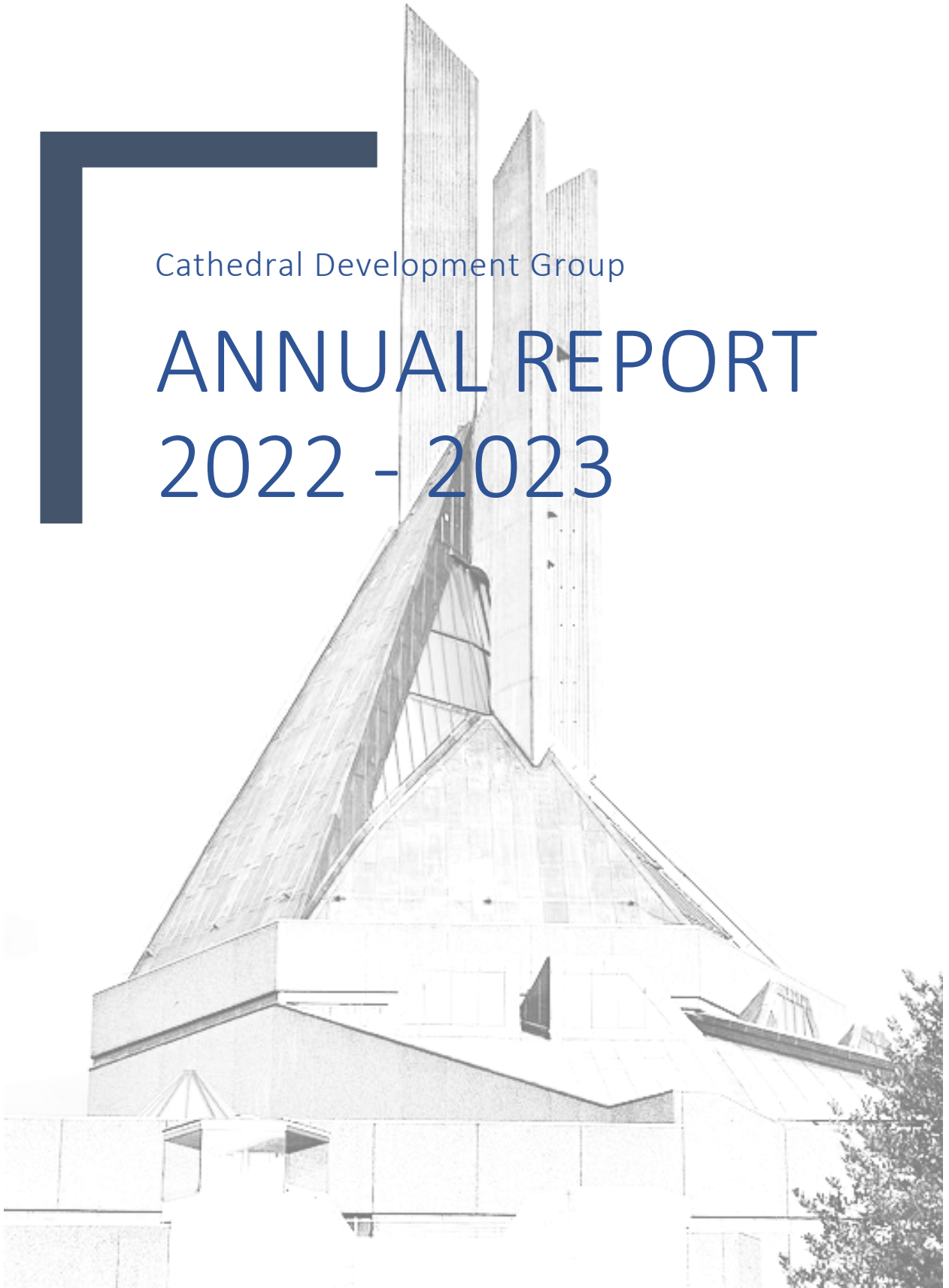




Cathedral Development Group

ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023



CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH/PASTORAL AREA

Preamble

The Development Group was originally set up as a sub-group of the Pastoral Council for the purpose of deciding on a project to be paid for using grant funding; this led to the refurbishment of the Apostle Room, including further fund raising for the purchase of new chairs in the Apostle Room. In 2013 the group began raising funds for the repair of the Cathedral roof. The group included representatives from the Pastoral Council, Fabric Committee, and Finance Committee, together with the Dean, Architect, and Cathedral Administrator.

Fund Raising

In April 2014 HM Government launched the WW1 Cathedral Repairs Fund. The Development Group submitted two successful applications and was awarded a total of £1.4M over four years, the largest amount awarded to any cathedral church. During the four years of commemoration the Development Group arranged and hosted, together with others, a series of events including a concert with Battle of the Somme film, performed by Bristol Symphony Orchestra, an all-night vigil for peace, multi-faith prayers for peace, a gala dinner with auction and raffle, and a party for peace to mark the end of 100 years since the end of WW1. We also commissioned a war memorial garden on the corner of Worcester Road and Clifton Park. In 2019 the Cathedral Appeal to raise funds to replace the cathedral's chairs (now handed to the Fabric Committee) was initiated by the Development Group.

Developments prior to 2023

In 2018 Canon Bosco MacDonald decided to continue the group with a mandate to develop the social and pastoral life of the parish, including some fund-raising events for the Cephass Fund, with a focus on outreach.

Activities initiated by the group, or supported by it include:

- Parish Pilgrimages, to Rome in 2014, Assisi in 2016, and Avila in 2018. The pilgrimage to Bologna and Ravenna in 2020 was abandoned due to the Covid19 pandemic.
- Lenten Talks (the talks arranged for 2020 were cancelled due to the Covid19 pandemic).
- One day conference on praying with icons, with a contemporary Icon Exhibition in 2019.
- Gala Dinner to raise funds for the Cephass Fund in 2019.
- Bi-annual Parish Retreats.
- Social events in the Apostle Room – St Patrick's Day, "Quiz & Chips", Christmas.
- Initiation of installation of WiFi in the Apostle Room.
- Production of the Cathedral 'Welcome' leaflet.
- Monthly prayer group.
- All-night vigil for peace and healing in the world in conjunction with LOV Dei Verbum.
- Supporting the Synod on Synodality "Listening Events".

Developments during 2023

Current membership:

- Paul Hill (Chair), Cath McCarthy (Prayer Group), Robert von Hawrylak (Mercy Group), Domingo Areal-Tabeos and Marilyn Difford (Hospitality), Rita Daws (Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland), Phil Millington (CAFOD/Fairtrade), Mary Manners (Administration). Canon Bosco attends meetings as an observer. It is hoped to include a representative from the Young Adults' Group during 2024.
In June we marked the sad passing of Lesley Lee who had joined the group at the end of 2022 to advise on communication and to provide guidance for the publication of Peter Harrison's book.
- Terms of Reference were updated in January, these may be found on the Cathedral website and the Cathedral notice board adjacent to the Paul Door.
- We contributed to the Cathedral 50th anniversary planning team, and at the beginning of July supported the events through stewarding, welcoming and hosting the celebrations.
- The group supported the successful publication of Peter Harrison's book "Clifton Cathedral Story – the building and its people", with expert guidance from Richard Jeffrey-Gray.
- In May we hosted a reflective event for "Welcomers", led by Sarah Adams (Adult Education and Evangelisation), which was well attended. It is intended to make this an annual event.
- Initiated a monthly Saturday coffee morning in the Apostle Room.
- Weekly Advent Prayer Group meetings commencing 29th November.
- Hosting a screening of the film "The Letter; A Message for our Earth", based on the Encyclical Letter "Laudato Si".
- The Development Group has no direct input to the Mercy Group but receives regular updates and welcomes the initiative of the monthly parish lunches and teas. We also aim to support the Mercy Group in any way that we can.
- The Young Adults Group meet every Sunday after 6pm Mass, and have begun mission outreach in the city. The Development Group aims to support the Young Adults in any way we can.
- Catholic Social Teaching – the group hopes to develop a greater awareness of CST within the parish. A "taster" event will be offered on 24th and 27th November to gauge interest in the parish. The group is also investigating how we could be recognised as a "Live Simply" (CAFOD) parish.

Future plans for 2024

- Three Kings' Day / 12th Night Party 6th January in the Apostle Room.
- Weekly Prayer Group during Lent.
- Days of Recollection together with the Mercy Group.
- Parish Retreat at Ammerdown Centre in October.
- Possible Gala Dinner in November.
- Possible ongoing Catholic Social Teaching sessions.
- Time of Reflection for Welcomers.
- Upgrading Audio Visual equipment in the Apostle Room (agreed by the Finance Committee).
- Patronal Feast Day celebrations in Worcester Gardens.
- Working towards closer collaboration with the Synod Group in order to promote synodality: communion, participation and mission, as a way of working together and sharing responsibility within the new pastoral area.

The Development Group thanks you for your support during 2023. Wishing you every blessing for 2024.

Paul Hill (Chair)

Canon Bosco MacDonald (Dean)

Dated: 17th November 2023

APPENDIX

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CATHEDRAL PASTORAL AREA

- Alpha Youth in a Catholic Context (Contact - Paul Hill)
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- Cathedral Choir (Contact - David Bednall)
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- Children’s Liturgy of the Word (currently seeking volunteers)
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- Rosary Group led by the Young Adults (Tuesday evenings before 7pm Mass)
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 - First Holy Communion (Contact - Mary Manners)
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- Young Adults' Group (Contact – Robert von Hawrylak)
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If you would like to join a group, volunteer to help, or become a Lay Minister please email the named contact.