- 7. *RESOLUTIONS (Peter Scott):* a) To reappoint McLintocks Ltd as Auditors of the company b) to authorise the Trustees to set the Auditors' remuneration
- 8. *RESOLUTION:* That this AGM do elect as trustees of the predecessor charity (registered charity number 209456) such persons as shall be elected to serve the successor charity (registered charity number 1113097) as Trustees for the ensuing year
- 9. Any Other Business

Matthew Saunders, Director St Ann's Vestry Hall, 2 Church Entry London EC4V 5HB Telephone 020 7236 3934 email: office@friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk

NOTE: Article 56 states "all persons seeking election or re-election... as a Trustee at a General Meeting shall give no less than 14 days written notice to the Secretary of their candidacy along with a motion proposing their election signed by two members. Unless no candidate has been duly nominated as aforesaid for the position in question or there are not sufficient candidates to fill all the positions in question, nominations made later or at a general meeting will not be valid."

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## **GETTING THERE:**

Hatfield House is remarkably easy to get to by public transport. The Main Gates lie immediately opposite the railway station which is blessed with frequent trains (48 a day) from London, King's Cross. The average journey takes 23 minutes.

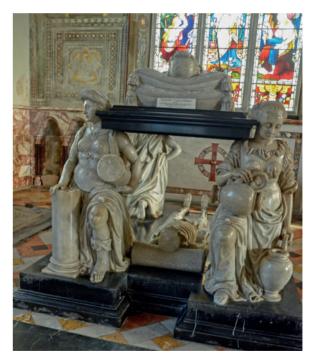
If you are driving please see "The Venue". Do remember too that you are heading for Old Hatfield not the New Town.

St Etheldreda is at the top of Fore Street (you will be sent a map when you return the ProForma which will indicate how to find the church).



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 2017 HATFIELD HOUSE, HERTS



## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

2.00 pm

(in St Etheldreda's Church. Hatfield, courtesy, Father Darren Collins)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3.15 pm

(in Marble Hall, Hatfield House followed by tours of the House and refreshments)

### THE VENUE

Hatfield House is one of the greatest of all Jacobean "Prodigy Houses", built in 1607-12 by Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury. It remains the principal seat of the Cecil family and we are hugely in the debt of the present Marquess, our President, who has invited us to meet in the House in celebration of our 60th year (at a time when the House is closed to the general public). The AGM will be held in the Hall, which is dominated by the spectacular screen, credited to John Bucke with carving that is, in Pevsner's words, "immensely skilful and of barbaric profusion". Bucke also created the triumphant staircase. We shall be served tea in the Armoury, overlooked by the tapestries made by the renowned Sheldon workshop in 1611 and the organ originally in the Chapel, decorated with grotesques by Rowland Buckett. We shall also be treated to tours of the remaining rooms that will include the intensely intricate and decorated family chapel. This has important glass made by Louis Dauphin and Richard Butler of Southwark and extra panels and paintings added by the 3rd Marquess, the Prime Minister.

St Etheldreda, where you are invited to Evensong at 2pm, has many attractions but the most magnificent is the Salisbury Chapel, marked by its distinctive Tuscan columns, which contains the renowned Memento Mori monument to Robert Cecil, with its two effigies, one showing him in all his worldly finery and the other as a skeleton on a rough strawmat (see photo on front cover).

Photography is allowed inside the House (and church) but no flash.

Please park in George's Car Park to which there are brown tourist signs off the roundabout on the Great North Road (A1000). From there you can walk to the church, for Evensong and the north entrance of the House for the AGM. Please ask for a map when you let us know that you are coming on the return slip, whether you are coming by train or car. Please identify yourself at the Entrance by bringing this Notice.

The House has limited access for wheelchair users so do let us know beforehand if you have any special requirements and we shall do our best to meet them.

Given pressure on numbers priority must go to members over guests For further practical information see last page of this Notice PLEASE RETURN THE FORM IF YOU INTEND TO COME

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 60th Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 14th October 2017. The chair will be taken by the

Society's President, The Most Hon The Marquess of Salisbury

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies for Absence
- 3. Minutes of the last Meeting
- 4. Chairman's Address
- 5. *RESOLUTION:* Accept the Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2017 with the auditors' report (distributed with this mailing).
- 6. Elections to the Council

**RESOLUTION:** 

in respect of the election to the Council

**NOMINATIONS** 

(in accordance with Article 56 of the Constitution):

Rev'd Alex Barrow (for election)

John Bowles (for re-election)

Sir Paul Britton (for re-election)

George Bulmer (for re- election)

Catherine Cullis (for re-election)

Roger Evans (for re-election)

Simon Evans (for election)

Rev'd Philip Gray (for re-election)

Elizabeth Green (for re-election)

Richard Halsey (for re-election)

Rev'd John Morgan Guy (for re-election)

Howard Pool (for re-election)

Matthew Saunders (for re-election)

Peter Scott (for re-election

John Vigar (for re-election)