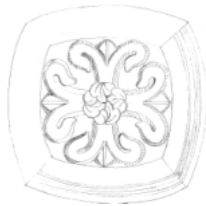


CHAIRMAN'S NOTE



Drawn by
 Rena Pisilli Graham

Dear Friend

The Chapel events programme has been very full over the winter. The performers have included Elton John and Tom Jones who attracted record audiences and large numbers of security men!

The Chapel Garden Party is on 28th May at 3.30pm. Rachel our Gardener has just retired (to South London). Thanks to her it now looks so good.



Rachel

Margins Project continues to prosper. Fundraising is increasingly effective. In December Sue McCann retired after a period of 5 years as popular and effective manager. A new manager starts soon. A new partnership with the Pillion Trust to provide homelessness counselling has started. The various social enterprises—particularly the café, are going well.

If you could like to join as a volunteer to help Margins contact Karen Stallard at minister@unionchapel.org.uk



Sue and Laura

Last summer we were successful in getting a Lottery Grant to **repair the organ**. We now need to appeal to you to help raise Matching Funding—a sum of £60K needed to balance (about 25%) our Grant. We have raised £2,500 to date.

A **Music Outreach** Programme will start soon. Contribute to it, read about it at www.unionchapel.org.uk | Friends | Organ.

There will be a **Bach recital by Edward Kemp-Luck** on 19th May to raise funds and there is a leaflet on the website telling you about the organ and for you to donate to its repair shown above.

The **tower and spire** will emerge from the scaffolding in the autumn of this year. The architects have been drawing up details of stonework which needs to be recarved—some of which have been worn away completely over the years—like these medallions in the gables.



Union Chapel Project Staff helping the work!

Our monthly **Workdays** continue and useful cleaning and light repairs are done. If you would like to come and join us—workdays are a congenial way to spend a Saturday morning once a month on the last Saturday every month.

Anthony Richardson

The Friends Committee

If you would like to join the Friends Committee and join in all or any of these projects, please call or email Tony Richardson as below:

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Obituaries

Pinetop Perkins

Grammy-winning blues pianist who played with Muddy Waters for 11 years

Joe Willie (Pinetop) Perkins, blues musician, born 7 July 1913; died 21 March 2011



You will have been saddened by the passing of Pinetop Perkins (Obit Guardian and Telegraph 29 March 2011).

We recall, that Pinetop shook the hands of the Friends committee in 2002 when he appeared at the Chapel and played 'How Long Blues'. That was when he was 92 and one of the worlds great blues players.

The organ is 133 and still going. Pinetop didn't actually play it but there have been organ recitals most years since 1878 by some of the world's greatest organists.

The Friends of Union Chapel, are helping to set up 'Music Outreach' which will teach about the organ in all its aspects.



If you would like to join in see more on www.unionchapel.org.uk | Friends | Organ | Outreach and donate by sending a cheque made out to 'Union Chapel - Organ' to Monica Wolff at Union Chapel, Vestry, Compton Avenue, London N1 2XP.

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