

## CHRIST CHURCH

# DONOR CIRCLES

RECOGNISING THE EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY SHOWN BY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE HOUSE THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFETIMES.

# CHRIST CHURCH DONOR CIRCLES

**Christ Church is extremely fortunate** in the loyalty that its alumni show to the Foundation and its current and future activities. We wish to recognise the extraordinary generosity shown by alumni and friends of the House throughout their lifetimes. Our donor circles enable us to show our gratitude to our benefactors by giving members of the circles opportunities to engage more directly with aspects of Christ Church today.



Foundation Fellows will be listed in the Christ Church Annual Report and invited to attend the 101 Gaudy in April each year, as well as other events for Patrons, the Board of Benefactors, and Dean's Circle.

Lifetime giving threshold: *£1.5m+* 



As well as invitations to Patrons and Benefactors events, members of the Dean's Circle will be invited to an annual briefing and dinner with the Dean.

Lifetime giving threshold: £500,000 – £1.499m



Lifetime giving threshold: £100,000 – £499,999 Fell Patrons are named after Dean John Fell (1625–1686), Dean of Christ Church between 1660 and 1686, as well as Chancellor of the University from 1666 to 1669. Dean Fell set about restoring Christ Church, physically and academically, after the difficulties of the Commonwealth period. It was he who organised the building of the north side of Tom Quad to match the style of Wolsey's plans. He also built Kilcannon as a canonry after a fire in the Cloisters, and constructed Fell's Buildings – a pre-cursor to Meadow Buildings. Lastly, he commissioned Christopher Wren to design Tom Tower.

Fell Patrons will be invited to join a biennial weekend visit, usually outside Oxford, led by a Christ Church academic, as well as the Patrons Day and Board of Benefactors events.





Lifetime giving threshold: **£50,000 – £99,999** 

The Board of Benefactors was established in 2008 to recognise the generosity of alumni and friends. The membership threshold has been increased from £25,000 to £50,000 in lifetime giving. Existing members of the Board whose lifetime giving is below the new threshold will continue to hold membership.

Members of the Board are invited to two special events in alternate years: a London reception and a Board of Benefactors Gaudy at Christ Church, as well as the Patrons Day.



Lifetime giving threshold: **£10,000 – £49,999** 

Liddell Patrons are named after Henry George Liddell (1811-1898) who was Dean of Christ Church from 1856 to 1891 and Vice Chancellor of the University between 1870 to 1874. Dean Liddell oversaw the creation of Christ Church's unique constitution, Meadow Buildings, the restoration of the cloister arches and the addition of both Wolsey Tower and Fell Tower. He commissioned George Gilbert Scott to re-order the Cathedral and worked hard to improve the quality of services and music, and to make the people of the diocese more welcome.

Liddell Patrons will be invited back to an annual Patrons Day.





Christ Church's regular giving society was set up in 2019, for those giving a minimum of £10 a month (or equivalent). Members receive a Mercury pin badge and are invited to an annual morning of lectures on the Saturday of Eights Week.

### Regular donors



This existing Society recognises individuals who have made provision for Christ Church in their wills. Members of the Society are invited to an annual 1546 Society lunch in September and will also be invited to the Patrons Day.

Legators



Donor Circle	Donation Threshold
Foundation Fellow	£1,500,000+
Dean's Circle	£500,000 – £1,499,999
Fell Patron	£100,000 – £499,999
Board of Benefactors	£50,000 – £99,999
Liddell Patron	£10,000 – £49,999
ТОМ	Regular donors
1546 Society	Legators

#### HOW TO GIVE

If you would like further information on joining one of our donor circles please contact the Development Office at **development.office@chch. ox.ac.uk** and one of our team would be delighted to speak with you.

Gifts may be made tax efficiently through monthly and annual donations over a maximum period of three years.

If you are based in the US, gifts can be made tax efficiently through American Friends of Christ Church. Further information on this, as well as how to give from other countries, is available on our website, https://chchconnections.org/pages/support-us.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

- Pledges made to join the Donor Circles should be complete within three years.
- 2. There will be a signed gift agreement or direct debit mandate set up on receipt of the pledge.
- We will cease donor benefits relating to a pledge if a pledge payment is not received within one 12-month period. The donor will then receive benefits in line with their lifetime giving.



## **CHRIST CHURCH**

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Christ Church Oxford OX1 1DP United Kingdom

+44 (0)1865–286325

development.office@chch.ox.ac.uk www.chch.ox.ac.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1143423