

LANCING CHAPEL COMPLETION CAMPAIGN



BE PART OF
THE CHAPEL'S
HISTORY

INTRODUCTION

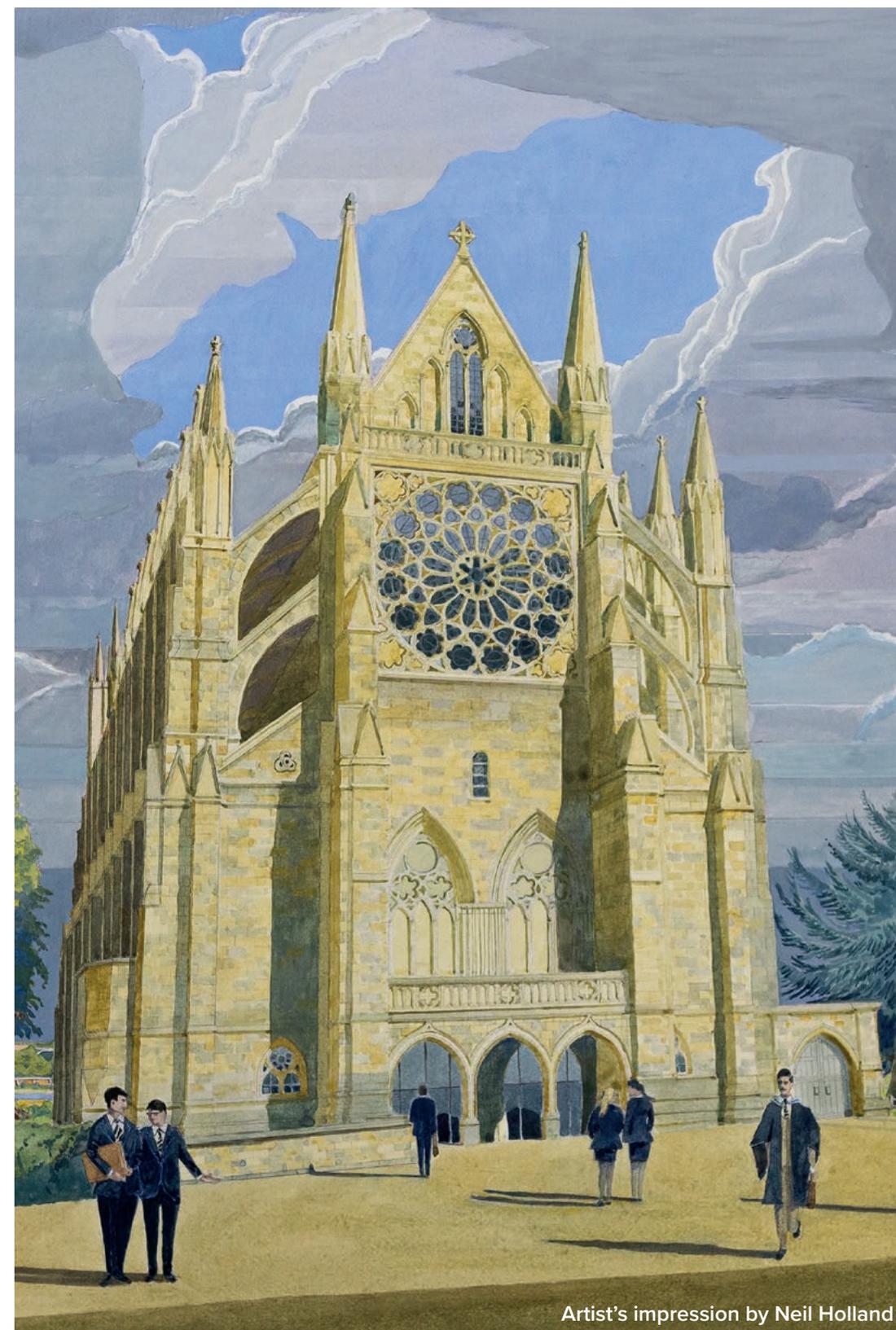
It is just over 40 years since the Chapel's west wall and rose window were dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the presence of HRH The Prince of Wales. Today the Friends of Lancing Chapel and the College are in the exciting position of being able to add the final touch to this glorious gothic masterpiece.

You may not be aware that Lancing Chapel is the largest school chapel in the world and the fourth tallest ecclesiastical building in the British Isles. It houses both the biggest rose window built in modern times and the last great tapestries woven on the William Morris looms, among other treasured memorials and works of art. It is also a building of major architectural importance. Yet it remains unfinished in one respect. It is now time for the Lancing community to join together to help put this right.

Lancing Chapel's west end story has had a long run. Like Gaudí's Sagrada Família Basilica in Barcelona, it has faced a number of architectural challenges along the way. Now our present architect, Michael Drury, has designed an elegant porch for the west front to provide an entrance worthy of a Grade 1 listed national monument.

This is your chance to become involved in a remarkable moment in Lancing's history. The new porch will be dedicated by Founder's Day in 2021, recognising the significance of the Chapel in Nathaniel Woodard's vision. He intended the Chapel to be a 'challenge to materialism' and the flagship for Lancing and all his schools, making it clear that the Christian faith is practised and taught here, and that Christian values are more important than absolutely everything else.

Once the Chapel is finished, the Friends and the College can concentrate on conserving and enhancing this inspiring building for future generations. The following pages show you what the new west end will look like and give a timeline for the project. You will also find out how you can *be part of the Chapel's history*.

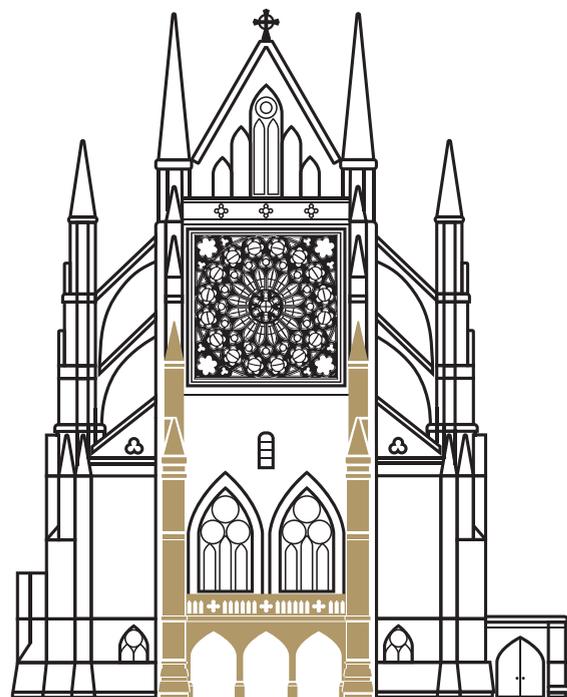


Artist's impression by Neil Holland

WHY THE NEW DESIGN?

There have been at least six different architects' designs for the west end over the last 151 years.

This new scheme provides a modest and achievable solution. The bricked-up walls will become substantial buttresses, enclosing an open three-arched porch providing shelter for new glazed doors. This horizontal progression of three to two to one from porch to narthex to nave will be echoed vertically on the west elevation, the eye being drawn up from the tripartite porch, past the two arches to the rose window. The porch will be built in Doulling limestone from Somerset, exactly matching the west wall and far more durable in this exposed marine environment than the Sussex sandstone of the original building.



WHY WE NEED TO COMPLETE

- To reaffirm the Christian values of the College and the Woodard Schools.
- To honour our responsibility to our previous benefactors and the Founder's vision.
- To respect, conserve and enhance a national historic monument.
- To raise awareness and promote the reputation of Lancing College to its worldwide community.
- To develop and extend the many different public uses of the Chapel.

WHAT WE NEED TO RAISE

The total required for the whole project is £1,240,000. The Friends of Lancing Chapel have already raised £890,000. Only another £350,000 is needed to complete the work. As we have over 70% of the final figure, the contract has been signed for work at the quarry to start in September 2019.

THE CHAPEL'S HISTORY

1868: Chapel Foundation Stone laid

1875: Crypt taken into use as school chapel

1885: RH Carpenter's & W Slater's design for the west end

c1911: West end boarded up

1911: Chapel dedicated

1921–26: War Memorial Cloister built and dedicated

1928: Sir George Oatley's design for the west end

1946: Friends of Lancing Chapel founded

1947: Stephen Dykes Bower's design for the west end

1978: West wall and rose window dedicated

1986: Organ reinstated on west gallery

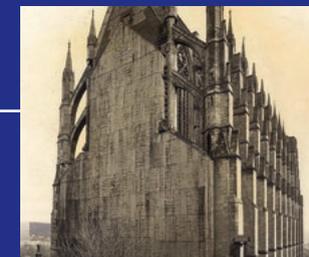
1992: North porch dedicated in memory of Basil Handford

2011: Sir Robert Woodard lays a foundation stone

2017: Blind tracery in west arches

2018: Michael Drury commissioned to produce new scheme

2019: Michael Drury's design published and agreed





Lancing Chapel, 2019



Lancing Chapel, 2021

September 2019
Launch of
public campaign

September 2019
Contract signed
with Chichester
Stoneworks

November 2019
Masonry work
begins off site

March 2020
Work commences
on site

November 2020
Completion of the
main structure

May 2021
Dedication of
completed Chapel
by Founder's Day

LANCING CHAPEL AT WORK

- The Chapel embraces a wide international community, welcoming young and old and those of other faiths or no faith at all, as reflected in the diversity of the 42 different nationalities currently represented in the school.
- For every single individual who comes through its doors the Chapel will have its own special meaning – a place of prayer, reflection, memory, inspiration and wonder.
- The Chapel is used by the Lancing Society for baptisms, weddings, funerals and memorial services. There are also carol services, concerts and fundraising events for the wider public, local state schools and charities, including Christian Aid, the Royal British Legion and the Friends of Sussex Hospices.
- Every year more than 6,000 visitors are attracted to this historic landmark from around the world.
- The Chapel is the home of a nationally recognised choir including two recent winners of BBC 2's Young Chorister of the Year. It serves as a performance venue and is used for broadcasting globally.



OUR STRATEGY

- To be true to our Founder's wish to complete the Chapel with a realistic and achievable design.
- To provide a solution to the unfinished west end and essential shelter for the main entrance.
- To respond to the commitment of OLs, pupils and parents who have told us they wish to see the Chapel completed in their lifetime.
- To enable the College and the Friends to focus on conserving and enhancing the Chapel for the future without the obligation to build more.
- To continue to welcome the wider community into the Chapel and increase its public use.

OUR TARGET

- £350,000 is needed in the next two years to complete the work.
- The Friends of Lancing Chapel have already raised £890,000 through gifts and pledges.
- The total required for the project is £1,240,000.

OUR PROMISE

- All donations received for this appeal will be used to pay for the completion of Lancing Chapel and will be restricted solely for this purpose.
- Donors will be thanked personally by letter, acknowledged in the Friends' Annual Report and invited to the dedication of the new porch in 2021.

FACTS ABOUT THE FRIENDS

- The Chapel is owned by the Lancing Chapel Trust.
- *The Friends of Lancing Chapel* is a separate charity which was founded in 1946. Its objectives are the completion and maintenance of Lancing College Chapel.
- The Friends raised the money to finish the transept towers and build the west wall and rose window between 1947 and 1978.
- The Friends and the College work together to fund the costs of running, developing and maintaining the Chapel (currently £400 per day).

HOW TO BE PART OF THE CHAPEL'S HISTORY

If every member of the 7,000 strong Lancing Community donated just £40 with Gift Aid we would reach our target. Any gift will be gratefully received, whatever the amount.

Be a Memorial Donor

You may wish to leave a donation of at least £500 in memory of a member of your family or another loved one. Their name will be entered into the Lancing Book of Remembrance and displayed in the Chapel. They will be remembered in prayer at the annual festival of the Friends.

How you can help

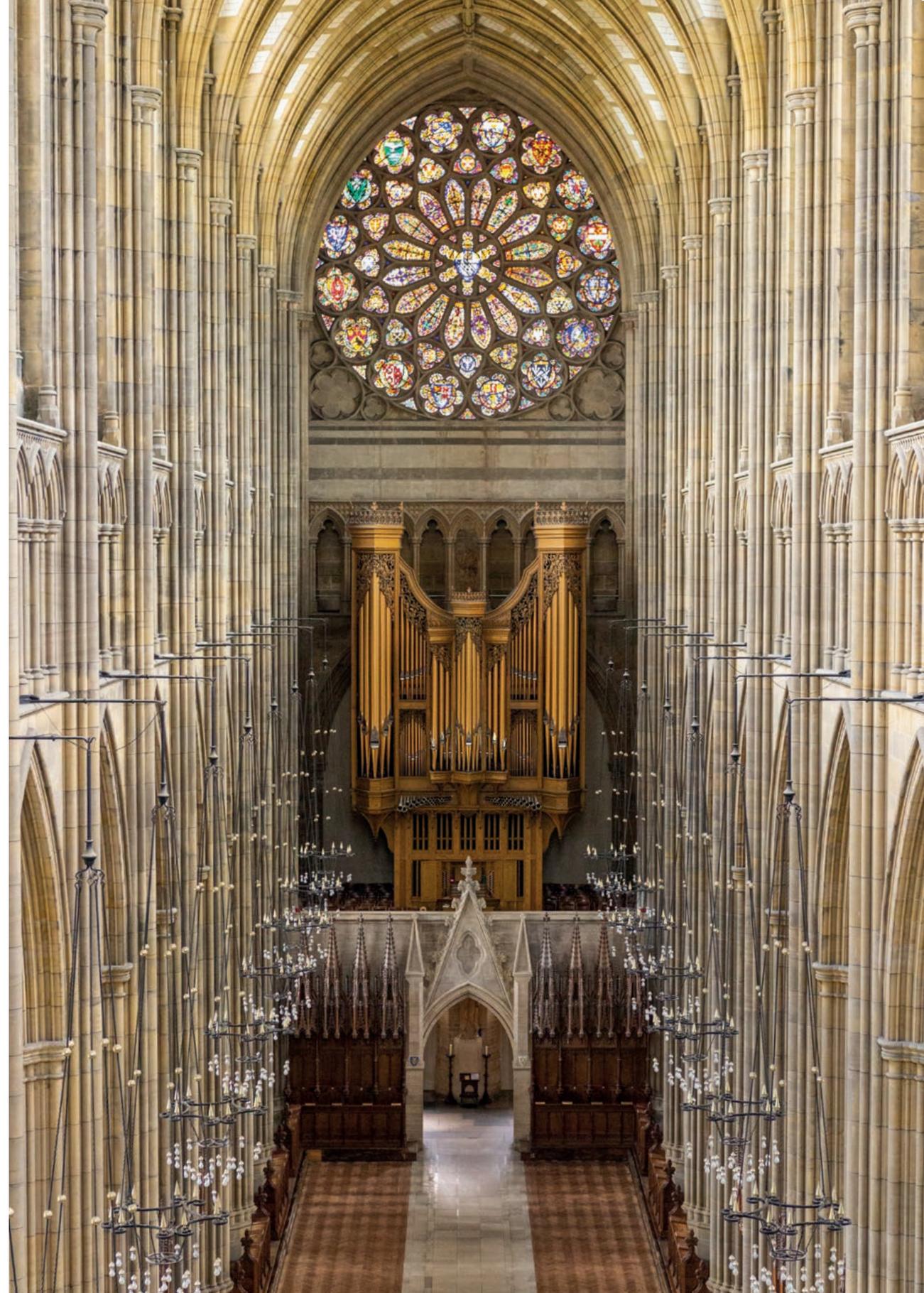
- Regular donation by Direct Debit.
- One-off gift donating online, by cheque or bank transfer.
- Gift of shares or property.
- Memorial Donation.

The Friends would be happy to discuss ways in which you can help. Please email FriendsOfLancingChapel@lancing.org.uk

Tax Efficient Giving

If you are a UK tax payer giving to the Friends of Lancing Chapel with Gift Aid enables us to increase the value of your gift by up to 25%, at no additional cost to you. To make a Gift Aid donation you must pay as much Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax as the amount reclaimed by the Friends of Lancing Chapel. This is currently 25p for every pound donated. Higher rate tax payers who make a donation through Gift Aid may claim extra relief by claiming the difference between the higher rate of tax (40% and/or 45%) and the basic 20% rate of tax on the total gross value of the donation.

DONOR	GIFT	GIFT AID	TOTAL VALUE TO THE CAMPAIGN	TAXPAYER RECLAIM	COST TO DONOR
UK Highest rate taxpayer (45%)	£100,000	£25,000	£125,000	£31,250	£68,750
UK Higher rate taxpayer (40%)	£50,000	£12,500	£62,500	£12,500	£37,500
	£10,000	£2,500	£12,500	£2,500	£7,500
UK Basic rate taxpayer (20%)	£1,000	£250	£1,250	-	£1,000
	£100	£25	£125	-	£100





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