



The Friends of the Hospital Chapel

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Dear Friend,

We are looking forward to our imminent –

Chapel Christmas Bazaar on SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER 11 am – 4.00 pm

a small team have been working hard to organise this year's Bazaar – as many of you will know Barbara Hills, our usual organiser, had major heart surgery recently and we are pleased to say she is making a good recovery slowly but surely. The team are hoping this will be a fantastic event with lots of support from everyone for the Hospital Chapel's continuing upkeep and restoration. We are publicising this as much as possible but we would be grateful if you could pass this information to all your family and friends. We will have a wide variety of Christmas gifts as well as our usual books, bric a brac, cards and Chapel memorabilia. As mentioned in our last newsletter we now have our new Chapel DVD for sale at £5 and Yolanda Thompson-Grant, a professional singer and very good friend of the Chapel, has made a new CD of Hymns & Spiritual Songs, accompanied at the piano by Tom Jackman, another good friend of ours and made it available for us to sell at £6 entirely for the benefit of the Chapel. They have made this recording as a tribute to the late Edna Graham who did so much for the Chapel. Yolanda has appeared in many West End productions and has sung for us at the Chapel many times so this is a really generous offer and we are grateful to her and Tom. Both of these items make good presents!

We will have our usual home made cake stall and refreshments will be available throughout the day. Entrance is 30 p, accompanied children free. **We hope to see you here!**

Chapel Christmas Music & Carols on WEDNESDAY, 30th DECEMBER 7.30 pm

Please come and join us with Michael Crombie and the Cantori Vocal Ensemble for this annual event – a very popular one in our calendar. **Tickets now available from the Chapel Office - £6.50 including seasonal refreshments.** (Tickets will also be on sale at the Christmas Bazaar)

On TUESDAY 29th DECEMBER (St.Thomas of Canterbury's Anniversary) at 12.00 noon

Our Chaplain, Fr. Barnes has arranged a special Mass which he and Fr. David Milnes will concelebrate and Fr. Milnes will preach. All are welcome.

R.I.P.

Some sad news since our last Newsletter – The Chaplain has officiated at two funerals recently. Our sympathies have been with Richard Beckford, whose wife Kristina died suddenly. Kristina was a frequent visitor to the Chapel and was an active member of the Ilford Choral Society – she is missed and remembered with great affection. A new silver wafer box has been given in Kristina's memory. Eric Oubridge's mother, Doris, also passed away and we extend our condolences to him.