

SPONSORSHIP FORM

To: Elizabeth Harrison, Honorary Secretary,
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Please complete clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS

NAME(s)

ADDRESS

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..... Post Code

I/We wish to NAME chair/s at £125 per chair and
 enclose my/our cheque for £ made payable to:
 The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral.

I would like the following words on the plaque:
 (Please tick one of the boxes below. Keep your wording concise -.
 maximum of 30 characters, including spaces)

Donated by In memory of Name only

Name: First chair

Name: Second chair

Name: Third chair

Name: Fourth chair

I/We wish to make a DONATION towards the Friends' Sponsor
 a Chair Campaign and enclose a cheque for
 £ made payable to:
 The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral.

I declare that I am an UK tax-payer and that this sponsorship
 may be treated as a Gift Aid donation.

Signature Date:

I wish to become a Friend of Christ Church Cathedral.
 Please send me an application form.

SPONSOR THIS CHAIR

The Howe 40/4 chair was created by American designer David Rowland in 1962 and has been in continuous production since 1964 with over 7 million chairs sold worldwide. It has been bought in this country by, among others, St Paul's, Ely and Salisbury Cathedrals and more locally, by St Aldate's Church. The Howe 40/4 has won many design awards and is in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

*Comfortable with good
 lumbar support*

*Oak and
 Brushed Steel*



*Seat slopes from
 front to back*

*'Waterfall front'
 the flow of blood
 to the lower limbs
 is not restricted*

Elegant clean design



120 chairs stacked on a dolly



*Friends
 of
 Christ Church Cathedral*



SPONSOR A CHAIR



Ralph Williamson

**Your opportunity to support
 Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford
 by naming a chair and/or by making
 a donation to this major project.**



Matthew Power

This is a major project

The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral have purchased 400 Howe chairs to replace the unstackable wooden chairs and uncomfortable and aged yellow plastic seats bought decades ago. We hope now to recover some of that cost by this campaign.

Christ Church Cathedral has for almost five centuries been a venue for major services. More recently, we are able to take pride in using flexibly the relatively confined floor space to hold musical and dramatic events for large audiences.

It has therefore been necessary to find a chair that fulfils a range of requirements. It must be comfortable. It must be aesthetically pleasing in itself, while being compatible with the marvellous architecture of the building in which it is to be placed. It must be light and manoeuvrable enough to be stacked and stored, and it must be safe.

Chapter, after taking advice from other cathedrals who had undertaken this exercise, decided on the Howe 40/4 chair (so named because forty can be stacked in a space no more than four feet high). They are made in oak and brushed steel. Purpose built trolleys, movable by one person, accommodate up to 160 chairs, stacked in linked rows of three or four. This is an important consideration for our vergers and storage space is kept to a minimum. These carefully designed and comfortable chairs have revolutionised the way we use, move and store our supply of seats for services and events and for the many organisations that use Christ Church Cathedral.



Matthew Power

YOU can make an important contribution to our Cathedral

by sponsoring a chair



Ralph Williamson

Each chair – or more than one if you wish – may bear an aluminium plaque inscribed with the name requested by the sponsor. This could be your own name, the name of someone you wish to commemorate, the name of a church or parish, club, school, company, local authority or any similar organisation. The cost of naming a chair has been set, for this campaign, at £125 per chair. The actual cost of each chair was £171.

If you would like to support the project but can only donate a small amount, this will be equally welcome. Small donations will not entitle the sponsor to name a chair. However, chairs purchased from such donations collectively will bear a 'Friends of Christ Church Cathedral' plaque.

If possible, please make your contribution under the Gift Aid scheme by completing the appropriate box on the form. This will enable the Friends to reclaim basic rate tax on the amount you give. To qualify, you must pay an amount of UK tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax which we will reclaim.

Should the total of funds subscribed to this campaign exceed the total cost of the project, any excess will be added to the Friends' funds for the benefit of Christ Church Cathedral.

Message from the Dean's Verger

“The new chairs have greatly improved the day-to-day appearance of the Cathedral by enabling us to keep the space clear and tidy with a relatively low level of maintenance. We have therefore been able to increase the capacity for visitors and can similarly accommodate larger congregations and audiences for special services and events. Their ergonomic design not only makes them comfortable but also light and easy to handle, and they can be stored away neatly and quickly. The chairs allow us to set up for, and tidy away after, big events in a short space of time without disruption to the daily rhythms of the Cathedral.”

Matthew Power

Message from the Sub-Dean

“It is a joy to see the Cathedral at one moment uncluttered by chairs, and the next moment chaired-up for a big service or event. This has been made possible by investing in the Howe chairs.”

Edmund Newell

Conditions of sponsorship

- Once sponsored, the chair will remain the property of the Cathedral. Sponsorship of a chair does not entitle the sponsor to any special admission or seating rights.
- The chairs are designed so that they may be moved and stacked where necessary. There is therefore no undertaking to keep a sponsored chair in any part of, or position in, the Cathedral.
- While the chairs are expected to last for many years and every effort will be made to avoid damage, no guarantee can be given that any one chair will be in the Cathedral for any specific period of time.
- The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral reserve the right to have the final say as to what may be inscribed on the plaque.
- All sponsorships will be acknowledged and, where applicable, the lettering on the plaque/s confirmed with the sponsor.
- A list of all sponsors will be specially bound and placed in the Cathedral archive.