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- Please enrol me as a Friend of Holy Trinity Monastery.
- I would like to offer practical help/professional services.
- Please let me know about future Friends' events.
- I enclose a donation of £.....

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Building a Benedictine Monastery for the Silicon Age

The Friends of Holy Trinity Monastery



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The Friends . . . and the Monastery



The Monastery

Holy Trinity Monastery, East Hendred, was founded in 2004, the first monastery of contemplative Benedictine nuns to be established in the U.K. for half a century. Situated thirteen miles from Oxford in a village renowned for its beauty and unique Catholic heritage, the community has a long monastic tradition behind it and can trace connections with St Thomas More and such masters of prayer as Fr Augustine Baker.

The community is traditional in inspiration but contemporary in expression. Through its use of the internet and the different services it provides, including the making and lending of audio books for the blind and visually impaired on behalf of the Catholic National Library, it is trying to reach out to the world beyond the cloister.

The community's web site, podcasts, vodcasts, and email "prayer-line" are an attempt to make Christian monasticism more accessible and share the riches of the Benedictine tradition with others. This "shared cloister" is sometimes jokingly referred to as "Silicon Abbey".

The monastery library, built up from an initial half dozen volumes, is open to the public and includes a substantial number of theological titles not otherwise available to students in Oxford.

The monastery hosts days of recollection/talks/short courses throughout the year. At other times its facilities are available to groups for day conferences, etc. All this is part of the Benedictine tradition of welcoming Christ in the person of the guest.

The nuns earn their living by running a small design and

printing company which has provided editorial services for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and print and web services for various clients, both private and commercial. Many of the community's charitable activities have been made possible by the generosity of friends and benefactors.

The Friends

The Friends of Holy Trinity Monastery (FHTM) wish to help the nuns become more permanently established. At present they live in rented "furnished accommodation" which, though charming, is unfortunately not big enough to enable them to expand or offer much-needed residential accommodation to guests and retreatants.

In order to finance accommodation for novices and guests and an endowment fund to put the running of the

monastery on a more secure footing, the FHTM are seeking to raise the sum of £2M over a period of five years.

How you can help

The FHTM have organized several concerts and other fund-raising events which we invite you to support or sponsor. Details of current events are available from the monastery or online at www.benedictinenuns.org.uk/.

Please consider making a donation and Gift-Aiding it if you are a UK tax payer. You can either use the form overleaf or the online form at www.benedictinenuns.org.uk. Standing Order forms are available from the monastery.

If you are unable to make a donation at present, please consider leaving the nuns a bequest in your will.

