



# TRINITY

## Benefactors Report 2020-21



With thanks to everyone who has supported Trinity during the last year



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## Thank you from the President

**I**t gives me great pleasure to introduce the Benefactors Report for 2020-21 by thanking everyone who has made a gift within the last year. The continuing generosity of Old Members and Friends is hugely appreciated and makes a tangible difference to what we can offer our students.

The start of the 2021-22 academic year has seen a greater return to normality, bar a few outstanding restrictions in relation to COVID safety. In the previous 18 months, we were constantly adapting to the national situation and many of our students found themselves studying from home for long periods or living in College in designated COVID 'households'. During this time, we were fortunate enough to receive funding from the Trinity Society and Roger Michel (1984) to support activities that students could enjoy in their 'households' or indeed at home. These included deliveries of pottery painting kits, bulb planting kits, food treats and surprise books from Blackwells.

It meant a great deal to all of us knowing that Old Members and Friends were concerned about students and was a great demonstration of the strength of the global Trinity community.

In addition to supporting students, the focus of our fundraising has been the Levine Building. To date, over 92 per cent of the fundraising target has been raised in gifts that range from £5.00 to £3 million. This is a wonderful achievement and we remain enormously



grateful to everyone who has chosen to support this transformative chapter in Trinity's history.

I am delighted to say that we are preparing to return to in-person events for Old Members and Friends next year. I hope very much to see you at one of these and in the meantime, close with warmest thanks and all good wishes from Trinity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dame Hilary Boulding, DBE

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# The Director of Development writes about donations in 2020-21

**T**he most important reason for writing this report is to thank everyone who made a donation during the financial year August 2020–July 2021; whatever the amount or purpose of your gift, we can never thank you enough. Of course, I also hope that when you see the difference that your support makes to the life of the college, you will consider giving again, and that those of you who did not make a gift last year, will do so in the coming months.

Without the support of Old Members and Friends, Trinity would have struggled to deal with the challenges posed by a pandemic that has overturned the traditional methods of student recruitment, teaching and learning, and changed the way that members of the college community interact with each other. An added complexity is that these far-reaching changes have occurred at the same time as the college is engaged in its



largest building project for many years.

It is interesting to compare this year’s figures with those of 2019-20. I’m happy to report that cash receipts are higher, but concerned that the number of donors has dropped. This may be an indication that people have been hit badly by the pandemic and are cutting

back on charitable giving, or they may feel that other organisations are in greater need of assistance than Trinity.

Balancing the needs of one charity against those of another is hard; we have certainly been aware this year that in making grants, trusts and foundations have prioritised those charities most severely hit by the pandemic. The result is that more than ever, Trinity has had to rely on the generosity of Old Members and Friends.

I would like to thank everyone who has made a donation this year; we could not be more grateful to you all.

Throughout this report, I talk about

Cash receipts	£2,670,760
Number of individuals making one or more gifts	641
Number of organisations making one or more gifts	3
Number of gifts	3,920

the Trinity community. This community is composed of Fellows, students, staff, Old Members and Friends; they share common values and have aspirations for 'their college'.

This life-long connection can be seen in the way that alumni have tried to enhance the student experience. For much of the year, students in college accommodation were obliged to live in household 'bubbles', interacting only with others

who had rooms on the same staircase and attending online lectures, instead of mixing freely with other students. Thanks to the generosity of Roger Michel (1984) and the Trinity Society, the college was able to offer them a range of activities and 'treats' (such as those being sampled in the picture below) to show that whatever difficulties they faced, they were still part of a wider community.



### Areas have you supported this year

2020-21	Cash receipts	No. of donors	No. of gifts
Buildings, facilities and services	£1,486,560	230	667
Supporting students	£1,049,702	165	922
Unrestricted gifts	£ 105,626	284	2,071
Teaching and research	£ 28,872	55	407

## Investing in buildings, facilities and services



Once again, this year’s fundraising has focussed on the Levine Building and as construction nears completion, it remains the college’s highest priority.

The building will play an essential role in enabling the college to fulfil the

charitable aims and objectives outlined in its statutes: ‘to advance education, learning and research through the provision, maintenance, support and conduct of a college within the University of Oxford.’

2020-21	Cash Receipts	No. of donors	No. of gifts
Levine Building	£1,339,209	215	548
Hall refurbishment	£ 143,967	1	2
Library and associated projects	£ 2,684	10	93
IT	£ 375	1	12
Chapel	£ 225	1	12
Facilities	£ 99	2	24

It will do this in a number of ways:

- The spacious public rooms will provide a venue in which the work of the Fellowship can be brought to the attention of a wider audience. They will also be places for the community to come together for academic and social functions in a way that has seldom been possible before.
- The Teaching Wing will rectify the shortage of space for tutorials and seminars and also create a permanent base for the Access and Admissions team, making it possible to welcome school groups throughout the year.
- While study bedrooms in the Levine Building will be occupied by undergraduates, newly-vacated rooms in Front Quad will be offered to incoming graduate students, most of whom cannot currently be housed on the Broad Street site.

With your support, I hope that by the time the building is opened, we will have reached our fundraising target. The cost is £30 million, £15 million of which has come from the sale of land, and the remainder from donations.

Since the start of the appeal, you have given and pledged a phenomenal £11,371,394 and I hope that those of you who made your gifts between 2010-14, will take particular pleasure in learning that the interest they earned (£2,513,116) has been added to the total raised. Please help us to reach the target as the building nears completion.

When the Levine Building is finished, attention will turn to the refurbishment of the Hall, kitchens and associated areas. This work will be largely funded by a loan from the endowment.



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## Supporting students

Your generosity enables the college to offer bursaries and scholarships that transform students' lives. The greatest need for such support is seen in the graduate community. Most students amass debts during their undergraduate years, and in particular, a reduction in external funding for graduates in the

Humanities and Social Sciences has compounded their difficulties. Lack of funding remains the chief reason why graduates in all disciplines decline places at Oxford. It is therefore hardly surprising that graduate scholarships remain a priority at Trinity and across the collegiate university.



2020-21	Total given	No. of donors	No. of gifts
Bursaries and scholarships	£1,008,395	91	548
Access and outreach	£ 18,762	29	227
Sport, music, drama and other societies	£ 11,095	34	119
Oxford-Sir Ivor Roberts Grad. Scholarship	£ 9,879	14	62
Academic prizes, travel and other awards	£ 3,046	4	10



## Graduate support

Recognising the scale of the problem, in 2020 the University launched a new matched funding initiative, the Graduate Endowment Matched Scholarships (GEMS) scheme.

This year, Trinity has been very fortunate to receive a significant donation which qualified for matching and in doing so, has provided two additional, fully-funded scholarships for graduates in the Humanities. The first scholars will start

in Michaelmas 2021.

GEMS encourages major donors to endow scholarships in perpetuity, but donations of every size enable students to undertake research, purchase journal subscriptions and software, attend conferences and complete the writing up of their theses. Thank you again to everyone who has supported Trinity's graduate community.



## Undergraduate support

Of course, undergraduates also face financial problems, but from now on, a greater share of the cost of their support will be borne by the University. Oxford has put in place a generous scheme to fund UK students from households with an annual income of £27,500 or less. These 'Crankstart' scholarships are available across the collegiate university and they were designed to alleviate the financial concerns of applicants whose families might otherwise struggle to

support them.

Although the pressure on the college to provide undergraduate bursaries has been eased by the scheme, Trinity continues to support undergraduates facing temporary hardship and to assist overseas students who are ineligible for Crankstart funding. During the past year much of this funding has helped students during the pandemic, allowing them to work remotely, either from home or from their rooms in College.

## Access and Outreach



Hannah Rolley, Head of Access (left), a former teacher, has overseen the expansion of the college's access and outreach programme. She is pictured talking to an audience of teachers, pupils, students, staff, Old Members and Friends at the Access Showcase Day, which was the college's last 'in person' event before the lockdown in March 2020.

The college actively looks for the best UK and international students and strives to foster a diverse and widely representative community in which each individual is valued, supported and able to flourish. Trinity remains committed to ensuring that the college is accessible to anyone who has the potential to thrive here.

Every region of the country is linked to an Oxford college; Trinity is responsible for schools in Oxfordshire, Milton Keynes and the North East. Each year, the college holds a variety of day and residential workshops for school pupils from these areas, aimed at giving them an insight into life and study at Oxford. The college works closely with schoolteachers, equipping them with the best possible advice and guidance for students wishing to apply to Oxford and other leading universities.

Trinity is also a partner of Target Oxbridge, which aims to increase the number of students of African and Caribbean heritage studying at Oxford, and supports UNIQ, an initiative aimed at students from low-socio economic backgrounds and those living in areas with low progression to higher education. These highly successful national outreach programmes give participants first-hand experience of life at university and provide support and advice on the application process.

Donations for access and outreach allow the college to build on the valuable work it undertakes with pupils and teachers in its link and other areas, and the opening of the Levine Building will be an opportunity to advance this work further.

## Supporting teaching and research

The need to fund Fellowships and research will always be essential if the college is to accomplish its charitable aims, but there are occasions when this takes on a particular urgency. It may be the introduction of new subjects in the college, or a change in personnel – the retirement of Peter Brown prompted the appeal to endow the Classics Fellowship – that spark this change.

Equally, it might be prompting or encouragement from the University, such as the creation, some years ago, of a matched funding scheme.

Many donations for Fellowships and research are made in conjunction with an event connected to the subject or the Fellow in question. The inability to hold large-scale events for the last eighteen months is reflected in the decline in donations for the funding of Fellowships and research this year. It is also a sign that the focus has shifted temporarily to the Levine Building and graduate scholarships.



2019-20	Total given	No. of gifts	No. of donors
Classics	£19,529	256	37
History	£ 7,149	120	14
Research	£ 1,200	12	1
Law	£ 943	15	3
Philosophy	£ 50	4	1

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## Looking ahead

At the start of the new academic year, the focus remains on the Levine Building, which is nearing completion. By this time next year, I hope to be able to report that the fundraising target was met in full, the building is in use and that it delivers everything that was promised, transforming the life of the college for generations to come.

I also hope we will have been able to return to something close to normal and that students will have enjoyed a more typical college experience. I cannot wait to invite Old Members and Friends back into College again, although there is a great deal to be said for online events. They have certainly helped us to stay in touch with people during the pandemic and will continue to be a vital communication tool for keeping in contact with people overseas, but they are not the same as meeting in person, chatting to old acquaintances, making new friends and sampling the best of Trinity cuisine.

Thank you again to everyone who has supported the college during the past year. Stay in touch, stay safe and if you feel able to give again, you can be certain that your contribution will be appreciated.



Sue Boers  
Director of Development  
August 2021



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