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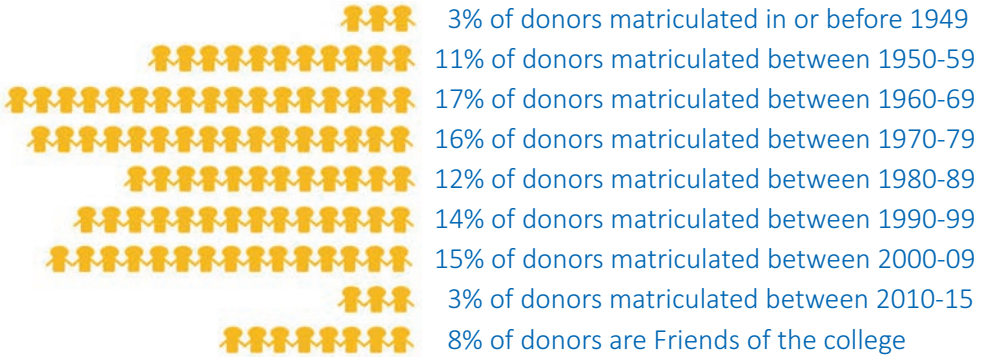


## BENEFACTORS REPORT

2017-18

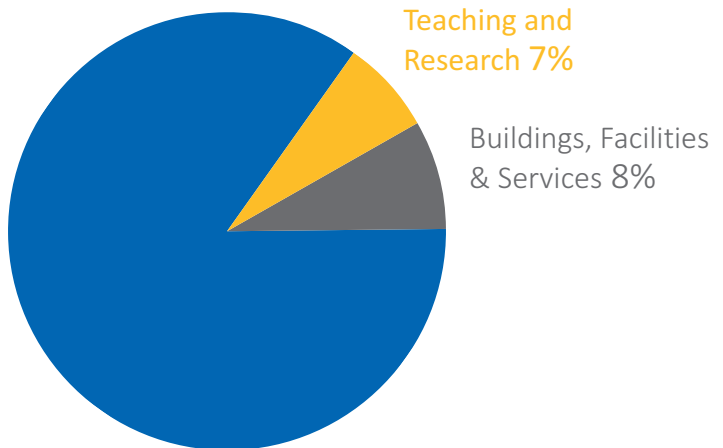
This year:

**1,195** people made a gift



The remaining **1%** of donors are organisations, the majority of which are **matching donations** being made by Old Members and Friends.

**85%** of donors have given to student support



## Thank you from the President

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*When I undertook the role of President, just over a year ago, I didn't realise that I would have so many opportunities to meet and engage with Old Members and Friends of the college. It is an aspect of the post that I am enjoying immensely and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made me feel so very welcome.*

*It has been a particular pleasure to discover how much Old Members and Friends value their connection to the college and to see first-hand the positive impact that this continuing relationship has upon Trinity as a whole. I strongly believe in*

*the importance of maintaining this bond and I am committed to strengthening it even further during the course of my presidency.*

*The purpose of this booklet is to explain how we have used donations that were made during the financial year 2017-18. However, it also gives us the opportunity to thank everyone who has so kindly supported Trinity in some way. Every aspect of the college has benefited from the generosity of Old Members and Friends, and their gifts enable today's students to enjoy their time at Trinity as much as students in earlier years. This is something for which we remain very grateful indeed; thank you again.*

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**Dame Hilary Boulding, President**

## The Director of Development writes about fundraising

Cash receipts stand at £1,659,747, which is over £225,000 more than was received in the financial year 2016-17. The number of donors is 1,195, of whom 1,100 are Old Members.

The remarkable generosity of Old Members and Friends not only demonstrates the depth of their affection for the college, but also suggests that they believe in what the college is trying to achieve. Hearing why it is that people give to Trinity is one of the themes that runs through this report and, whatever the reason, we could not be more grateful to everyone who has made a donation to Trinity in the last twelve months. Thank you again for your support.

The priorities of the college will change in emphasis from year to year, but at any given point, there are three broad categories into which donations fall: these are supporting students; supporting teaching and research, and investing in buildings, facilities and services.

### Supporting Students

Most unrestricted donations are directed towards student support – bursaries, scholarships and hardship grants – and this is clearly an area of need with which donors identify.

2017-18	Total given	Number of donors
Sir Ivor Roberts Graduate Scholarship	£261,638	326
Bursaries & Scholarships	£216,215	146
Unrestricted gifts	£195,152	610
Academic prizes & other awards	£125,075	4
Access & Admissions	£12,939	53
Sport, music, drama & other societies	£10,239	46
Marshall Scholarship	£832	5

## Olivia Grimshaw (2010)

*Walking down Broad Street always feels a little bit like coming home – for the three years that I was an undergraduate at Oxford, Trinity was more than just the place where I slept and went to tutorials.*

*When I was a caller in the Telethon in 2013 it became clear that this held true for many other Old Members too. Trinity is the sum of 463 years of memories; the base for a community that is kind, and intellectually curious, and doesn't take itself too seriously.*



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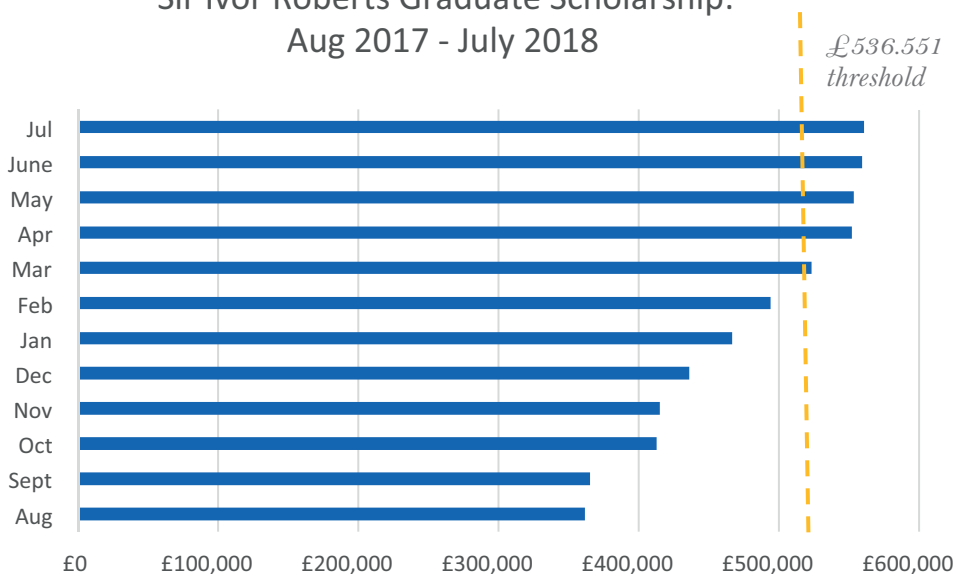
## Sir Ivor Roberts Graduate Scholarship



The focus of much of this year's fundraising was on the appeal for the Sir Ivor Roberts Graduate Scholarship, which gained momentum in Michaelmas term, when we learnt that matched funding from the University might be available. When our application was accepted in December, the college had only three months in which to raise a further £100,000 in order to 'unlock' more than £350,000 in additional funding.

Old Members and Friends responded in a typically generous fashion, and this challenging target was reached ahead of time. With matched funding secured, the scholarship became the Oxford-Sir Ivor Roberts Graduate Scholarship, an endowment covering the fees and living costs of a Home/EU student in perpetuity. The fundraising continues, however, with the ultimate aim of supporting a student from anywhere in the world.

Sir Ivor Roberts Graduate Scholarship:  
Aug 2017 - July 2018



## Zoe King (1991)

*It is now over twenty years since I was an undergraduate, but in some ways, little has changed: the college has retained the special, family atmosphere that so many of us remember, a family that extends beyond graduation through the network of alumni events. I recognise so much of myself in the students: young men and women full of excitement for the future and ready to make way for the next cohort of undergraduates to take their place. It is they, after all, who will be the future of Trinity and on whom we shall rely to preserve its culture and its values through future generations.*



*There is one marked difference, however, which is, of course, financial. The escalation of tertiary education costs has coincided with a surge in house prices, and the gap between those families with financial assets and those reliant upon working to prosper has widened, to such an extent that if older generations do not help, a place at Trinity will be out of reach for many and we shall lose that wonderful mix of students, from all backgrounds, which has made Trinity such a special place.*

*I have been lucky enough to find myself in a situation where I have been able to support more than one graduate student: intelligent, articulate, driven individuals who needed that extra bit of financial support to help them on their way. To those alumni in a similar situation, do please consider whether you might also be able to help, your gift will quite literally change someone's life.*

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## Supporting Teaching & Research

The endowment of posts and support for research continue to be vital to the success of the college and its members.

2017-18	Total given	Number of donors
History	£336,466	31
French	£100,000	1
Ancient History	£62,500	2
Classics	£58,479	52
Law	£5,500	4
Research	£1,200	1
Philosophy	£150	1

One gift that does not feature above – it is not a cash gift – has sparked a great deal of interest. The Nobel Medal, awarded in 1972 to Professor Rodney Porter CH, FRS, Whitley Professor of Biochemistry at Oxford and Fellow of Trinity, was donated to the college, in an extraordinary act of generosity, by his widow, Mrs Julia Porter. It is such a powerful endorsement of the importance of academic research that its acquisition will doubtless encourage countless generations to come.



The occasion was marked by an event that saw members of the Porter family meet current Biochemistry students in the company of the President, Professor Louis Mahadevan, Fellow and Tutor in Biochemistry, and Professor Sir Edwin Southern, former Whitley Professor of Biochemistry and Fellow of the college.



## Len Skerratt (1964)

*I support Trinity because I believe that education is important; and by education I mean helping students to be curious about the world, our place in it, and the arrangements we have made to survive and thrive in it. Curiosity is at the heart of education.*



*I came up to Trinity to read Theology under Leslie Houlden, expecting to enter the priesthood. Although I did not follow this path, the approach to learning which Trinity engendered has never left me. I am still curious (even a curiosity, some would say), still a student. I am very pleased to see that Trinity still continues in this tradition. In contrast, many other universities have gone down the training route, which supposedly prepares students for immediate participation in the workplace. Even within its own terms, it is very short sighted, since curiosity is also highly prized in the so-called real world.*

*The other main reason I support Trinity is because of its care in keeping in touch. As we get embroiled in careers and new adventures, the lunches, carol concerts, gaudies, and other get-togethers provide very pleasant ways of maintaining university friendships. Prior to Trinity, I read economics at another institution; since my graduation there I have heard...nothing; so I don't feel involved. Thus I really appreciate, all the more, Trinity's readiness and ability to keep its former students in the fold.*

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## Andrew Lang (1958)



*I managed to wangle five years at the college (1958-63) – four for Classical Mods and Greats, and the fifth to do a Diploma in Education, not least because in 1961 I had met the modern linguist at St Anne’s who remains my wife.*

*In retrospect those five years seem ones of unparalleled pleasure. My tutors were Tommy Higham, David Raven, Austin Farrer, John Lemmon, Fergus Millar, James Holladay – what a list for any classicist to boast. The college was also strong on the games field, helped in those days by the fact that a good proportion of undergraduates had done National Service and were that much older and stronger. The college could put out good teams and crews in most sports. Other pleasures came from the friendly atmosphere of the college and its staff, not least the splendid scouts with their distinctive personalities, not to say quirks in some cases. Then there were the summer drinks parties on the lawns, the royal visit, occasional special dinners, the roars of laughter, after lunch or dinner, in the college stores (in the days long before the Beer Cellar).*

*A large proportion of my friends to this day, including those whom I would count the closest, are Trinity men. To return to the college for a dinner or a lunch is an unfailing delight from the moment of the friendly welcome at the Porters Lodge onwards – and the food and wine never disappoint!*

*So when asked to say why I support the college, my answer is simple – nostalgic gratitude, coupled with the earnest desire that it will go on engendering the same feelings in others. In fact, I think I had better set about increasing that modest monthly sum a bit!*

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## Investing in Buildings, Facilities and Services

The most significant project this year has been in association with the 600th anniversary of the Old Library. The celebrations included a fundraising dinner at which it was possible to view and to sponsor the conservation of books and the purchasing of equipment designed to enhance the storage and display of the library's treasures.

This has been generously supported and as a result, every project for which we were seeking support has been sponsored. We cannot thank enough everyone who has helped to safeguard this special space, and its contents, for future generations.

2017-18	Total given	Number of donors
Building project	£214,483	18
Library & associated projects	£35,348	62
Other infrastructure projects	£16,475	6
Chapel	£6,379	19
IT	£375	1
Gardens	£303	2



## Kara Tan Bhala (1984)



*I am not quite sure why – and have largely forgotten how – I obtained five degrees from four different universities in the UK and the US. I do know without question, my greatest affection, loyalty, and treasure are given most wholeheartedly to Trinity College, Oxford. There are ample reasons for my enduring bond to the college.*

*One is that the Alumni & Development team is terrific. They remember my name, and the names of my husband (1985) and daughter. They send lovely emails and invitations to parties we wish we could attend. We feel welcome and dine well whenever we are doing a side-trip to Oxford, while in the UK for other business.*

*I had pinnacles of fun in my two years as a postgraduate student at Trinity. Such sweet memories remain. There was lawn tennis, croquet, punting, Pimms, coxing (um, the fourth eight), MCR dinners, and endless late night philosophical discussions in Staircase 11 rooms. Some of my closest friendships were nurtured and sealed at Trinity. I married the diligent and earnest young man who lived in room 10, staircase 11.*

*Above all these fine reasons though, I shall forever be grateful to Trinity for coming to my aid and for showing remarkable compassion when my father passed away in Trinity term of my final year. He died of cancer in Johore Bahru, Malaysia. I was bereft of funds in Oxford, England. Trinity paid for my airfare to say a final goodbye to my beloved and precious dad.*

*So, I am happy to contribute whatever I am able to help Trinity, particularly when it can help foreign students in need. Trinity College and I have a meritorious karmic bond.*

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## Adam Ben-Yousef (2006)

*When I reflect upon my time at Trinity, there are too many special memories to count. The probing tutorials where I would have my grasp of the subject put under the spotlight every week. The feeling of apprehension walking into my first (and every subsequent!) exam. The character forming experience of presiding over a Commem Ball. The occasional afternoons in the pub debating matters both familiar and less so with some of the brightest minds of my generation. The beauty of Trinity and its grounds, exuding a calm aura of timelessness. Most of all, I value the deep lifelong friendships formed during this period.*



*Taken together, I truly believe there is something special about that combination of people, physical environment and culture that embodies Trinity. No matter what your background, living and studying at Trinity offers opportunities for both academic and personal development that very few other institutions in the world can match. I feel privileged for having had the opportunity to call the college home for four years.*

*With this in mind, I have felt a strong sense of duty to give something back to the college over the years. More than anything else, my motivation is to ensure future generations are able to experience the same opportunities that were available to me. I have generally opted to make gifts in the form of regular monthly payments into the general fund. A steady monthly income from a large base of donors can be very helpful with long term financial planning, and the general fund gives a degree of flexibility to deploy resources where they are most needed. The costs of keeping an institution such as Trinity running are significant, but pale in comparison to the opportunities and benefits it creates for members past, present and future. I'm delighted to play my small part in contributing to its long term health.*

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## Looking forward

In 2018-19, much of the focus for fundraising will be on the building project and we hope to know the outcome of the planning application in September. The building is crucial if the college is to achieve its key priorities for the next five years – strengthening the graduate community, widening access and raising Trinity’s academic profile. We hope you will follow its progress with interest and do whatever you can to support it.

As this report shows, there are many reasons why people give to the college and, whatever your reason for doing so, I would like to say again how grateful we are that you have chosen to demonstrate your support in this way. The continued generosity of Old Members and Friends is extraordinary and deeply appreciated, but it is something that cannot be taken for granted. I hope, therefore, that in this report the President and I have been able to convey some sense of the gratitude felt throughout Trinity. Every donation makes an immeasurable contribution to the continuing success of the students, Fellows and staff alike.

Thank you again.

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Sue Broers  
Director of Development  
August 2018



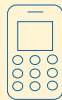
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