

FRIENDS of SAFFRON WALDEN
PARISH CHURCH

The Society

The Society was founded in 1933 by Isaac Marking and Geoffrey Barnard to provide funds for the maintenance of the fabric of the Church and for carrying out improvements and adornments.

The Society is a registered Charity and is administered by the Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer and six Council members with the Rector as President.

The Membership includes parishioners and other supporters, residents of Saffron Walden and many from further afield, not necessarily members of St Mary's congregation.

Becoming a member helps to ensure that our work can continue under the guidance of the committee of the society. All are welcome and an application form is attached to this leaflet. Please consider Gift Aid if applicable.

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The Work of the Friends of the Church

A Church has stood on this site for 800 years. It was rebuilt 500 years ago under the supervision of John Wastell, master mason for King's College Chapel, Cambridge, and externally apart from the spire has remained unchanged. Internally, over the years, many of the original tombs, chapels, pews and colouring have been removed and Victorian stained glass and the re-erected Chancel Screen and the Rood have had a great effect on the interior. Throughout their existence the Friends have been responsible for many practical schemes to improve the facilities of the church, including the inner doors of the West Porch and the voice reinforcement system, and they have contributed to the major works of restoration and refurbishment of the church fabric. In addition, and importantly, they have been active in bringing colour and beauty to the interior of the church. The work continues with the provision of embroidered kneelers and colourful banners. In 1998 the Friends were responsible for the creation of the the Chapel of Remembrance during the Major Building Project within the church in 2017/2018 the Friends have funded the Welcome Furniture at the West Door entrance.

Our work goes on through the twenty-first century aiming always to ensure that schemes blend happily with the spirit of the building. Please will you help us to continue this work and join us?

Friends of Saffron Walden Parish Church
(Charity number 253119)

Application for Membership

I wish to join the Friends of Saffron Walden Parish Church and enclose my annual subscription of £ _____ (*suggested minimum £10 single, £15 family*).

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Email:

Contact Number:.....

Signature:

Date:

Please tick all appropriate boxes.

I would like to pay by standing order, please send me a form

I will set up a payment online – please send me the Friends' bank details

I am a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid my Donation

I would like some information on leaving the Friends a legacy in my will

Forward to : The Parish Office, Church Path, Saffron Walden. CB10 1JP

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Previous Project



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Ongoing Project



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The Friends can be found under the
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www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org

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