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Friends of St Mary's Henlow

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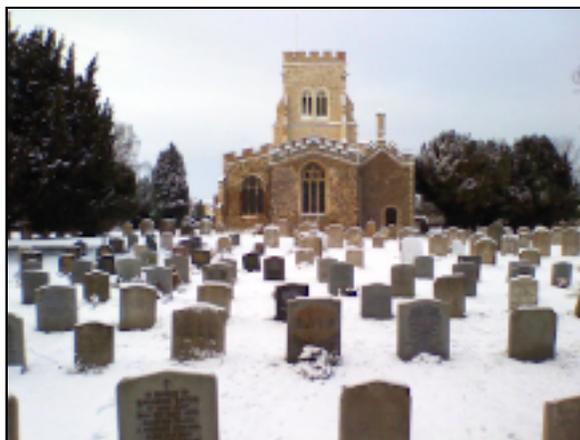
What's Involved?

As much or as little as you choose!

Becoming a Friend of St Mary's doesn't involve attending services or taking part in any other church activities – unless, of course, you want to, in which case you can always be sure of a warm welcome!

By becoming a Friend of St Mary's you are simply supporting the work of the church in the local community, whether that's visiting people who are ill, running confirmation classes, taking school assemblies, comforting bereaved families, celebrating new life in baptisms, preaching sermons, celebrating the Eucharist, weddings, providing services through the seasons at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and All Souls, or in the many other ways we aim to show the love of Christ to each and every person through our care, comfort and compassion.

Thank you for your support!



www.henlowchurch.org.uk/henlow-friends.htm

Friends of St Mary's Church, Henlow



Your Church, Your Community

ST MARY'S is the parish church of the historic village of Henlow, Bedfordshire. Dating from the 11th or early 12th century, St Mary's has stood at the heart of the community for longer than anyone can remember, providing a sacred space for everyone to enjoy: a place where life's beginnings, joinings and endings can be celebrated or commemorated in baptisms, weddings and funerals...

But buildings are no more immune to the ravages of time than people and whilst St Mary's is part of the Church of England, part of the established church, this doesn't mean that the state pays for its upkeep: it doesn't. On the contrary, because the church is so old, it's a listed building, which places certain obligations upon the church where maintenance is concerned, but the church must pay its own way.

THE FRIENDS were formed in 1982 during the incumbency of the Reverend Arthur Newall. The principal aim was to enable parishioners and former parishioners who may not be regular worshippers at St Mary's to assist with the upkeep and enhancement of the church by means of an annual subscription and occasional fund-raising events.

Since their formation, The Friends have raised many thousands of pounds. Among the improvements these funds have enabled are the provision of kitchen facilities, the installation of an induction loop system for the hard of hearing, new bell ropes, choir robes, a new outside notice board and improvements to the toilet facilities.

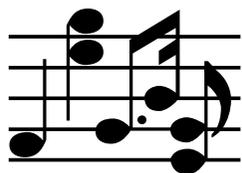
Membership of The Friends is open to anyone who wishes to help the regular congregation with the ever-rising cost of maintaining Henlow's beautiful and ancient parish church. Please address any membership enquiries to:
Mrs Jackie Painter, 6 Oak Drive, Henlow SG16 6BX (tel 01462 811795).

Some of Our Activities

All-Age Worship: This is a short service held on the first Sunday of each month at 11am, followed by refreshments.

Coffee Morning: On the first Wednesday of each month we hold a Coffee Morning in church from 10.45 am to 12 noon. As well as refreshments, this is a chance to have a natter and meet other folk from the village and beyond. Includes a Bring & Buy stall, which often carries books.

Sunday Club: For children of all ages! We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month and enjoy a variety of crafts & activities while the 11am service is going on, all under the care of CRB cleared adults.



Choir: Come along and sing with us! St Mary's Church has had a robed choir for many years. Affiliated to the Royal School of Church

Music, we sing for the main service on Sunday mornings as well as for special services throughout the year. These include Saint's Days, Holy Week, Remembrance Day, Advent, Christmas and more. Our repertoire is wide ranging in style and period, from medieval to the present day: we like to be inclusive!

Discover more online:

<http://www.henlowchurch.org.uk/henlow-choir.htm>

News and Updates: Please check the box on the form if you would like us to send you occasional updates and details of special events.

Yes, please count me in!

I / We would like to join the Friends of St Mary's, Henlow, and would like to donate the following amount:

£5

£10

£25

Other: £.....

Not now, but...

I / We do not wish to join the Friends of St Mary's at present, but here's a one-off gift:

£.....

*Please make cheques payable to:
Friends of St Mary's Henlow*

Gift Aid Declaration

I wish Gift Aid to apply to this donation and I confirm I will pay in this tax year an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount that all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs to which I give will reclaim for this year (25p for each £1 given). I understand that other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.

Please complete your name, address and other details as necessary overleaf. When completed, please return this form with any payment to:

Mrs Jackie Painter, 6 Oak Drive,
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Thank you.