

**The Friends of
St Bartholomew & All Saints Parish Church
Royal Wootton Bassett**



This is an invitation to *you!*

**Please join us in becoming a 'Friend' of
this beautiful and historic church.**

Who? Why? What? How?

Who are we?

A group of people with a love for this beautiful building. You don't have to be a member of the congregation to be a 'Friend' but you will make friends if you become a member ... and have fun!!

Who runs the group?

The Friends is a group scheme run by a small committee of trustees. A list of the present trustees is displayed on one of the noticeboards in church or may be obtained from the Parish Office.

Why are we needed?

The Friends of St Bartholomew and All Saints was formed in 1981 to raise and administer funds for the renewal and restoration works which are always needed on buildings like this. The first major work, as with so many churches, was on the church roof and major work needs big money!

What have we achieved?

From 1982 to 2000 the 'Friends' contributed a total of £124,215 to projects as varied as repairs to the church roof, repairs to the heating system, organ, floor tiles etc., the provision of new carpet, lighting for the pulpit, lectern and bell-tower and even a mat for the porch!

Since then a further £49,543 has helped provide a much-needed new sound system, carpeting, repairs to windows and doors plus other items needed during the 2011/12 refurbishment. Recently, £12,572 has been spent on repairs to the fabric.

As you know with your own homes, the need for repairs and replacements are ongoing and increasingly expensive. The more 'Friends' we have the more we can achieve in maintaining this beautiful church not only for ourselves and our community but for future generations.

How can I join/contribute?

For details of membership subscriptions and one-off donations please see the form overleaf.

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Registered Charity No: 284809

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions: Annual Membership: £7.50 per person
Life Membership: £120 per person
Family Membership £20



Subscriptions to: The Friends, C/O The Parish Office, 1 Church Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7BQ - cheques payable to The Friends of St Bartholomew's.

I/we wish to join the Friends of St Bartholomew and All Saints Parish Church, Royal Wootton Bassett and enclose a subscription of £ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Email: _____ (optional)

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

If you pay income tax, do you wish to make your payment as Gift Aid?

I wish to make this and all future payments and donations to 'The Friends' as Gift Aid from my taxed income.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

I consent to the Membership Secretary holding this information securely for the purpose of communicating with me by post, telephone or email.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Thank you for your support and generosity.