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Now, and the same amount on the 1st October every year until further notice.

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Our mission...

- Raise funds for the maintenance and improvement of the fabric and furnishings of St Mary's Church, Chesham and St John's Church, Bellingdon.
- Help publicise the history of the church.
- Promote strengthening of relationships between the church and the local community.
- Educate and help proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

For more information visit:
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**THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S
CHURCH, CHESHAM**

Preserving our future



Legacies

After you have made provision for your family and friends, we would be grateful if you could remember the Friends of St Mary's in your will.

Please tick this box if you would like details.

St Mary's Church is historically one of the most important buildings in Chesham. The earliest record of there being a church in the town dates back to 1153 and is to be found in a register belonging to the diocese of Lincoln, but ancient 'puddingstones' that form part of the foundations of the church strongly suggest that a much earlier place of worship existed on the same site.

People have worshipped in the current church building for over seven hundred years – the remains of a Norman 'romanesque' window in the wall of the North transept is one of the earliest features, dating back to the beginning of the 12th century.



One of the ancient puddingstones in the current foundations

Other notable historic features are the clock in the tower, which was made by Thomas Vernon in London in 1728, and the organ, built by William Hill, which has been moved several times since its installation in 1852

Over the centuries, the church has been through a number of significant modifications. The chancel was rebuilt in 1370, and major restoration work was conducted in 1869 by Gilbert Scott. In 1999 the Sarum Partnership and architect, Robert Potter were appointed to carry out the most recent renovations.

Each modification in its way has enabled the church to match the needs of its changing community.

Help us secure our heritage and community now and for future generations

The Friends of St Mary's was originally formed in 1986 to raise funds for the much needed repair of the church tower. Since then, the Friends have raised over £180,000 towards the upkeep of the church – money that has been essential in enabling us to keep St Mary's open for worship and for visitors.

The Friend's funds have helped pay for work on the church's windows and doors, the repair of the organ, restoration of the bell and clock, a new altar rail and kneelers, and new equipment including a public address system.

We can only continue to give thanks for the generosity of our members. Please consider joining us and helping to secure the future of this beautiful church for the foreseeable future.

Becoming a member is easy – simply complete the adjacent application form IN BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to our Membership Secretary:

**Mr Richard Ogden
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I would like to join the Friends of St Mary's Church Chesham

- Individual membership: £8 per year
- Joint membership: £10 per year
- Family membership: £12 per year

Annual subscriptions are payable on the 1st October each year. Please increase your contribution if you can.

Title _____ First name _____
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