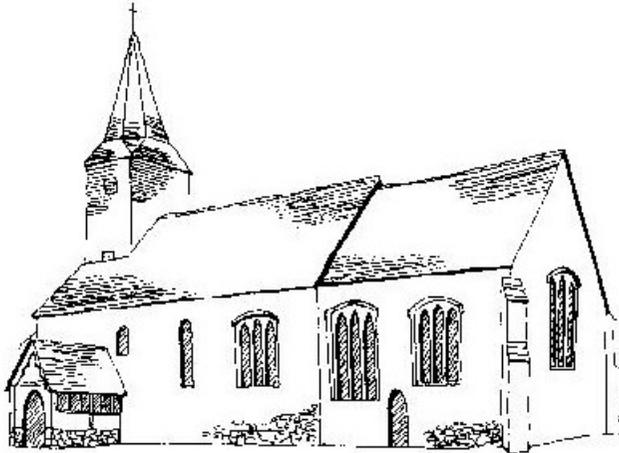


Friends of St Mary the Virgin, Kemsing

Membership Form

Charity No: 1131431 www.kemsingandwoodland.org



The Friends of St Mary's links together, in one active and united body, those who wish to support and maintain our historic building.

Our Church Heritage

In Kemsing, nestling below the North Downs, on the Pilgrim's Way, there has been a place of worship on this site for over 1,000 years.

St Mary the Virgin, a Grade 2* listed building, features in Simon Jenkins' book "England's Thousand Best Churches".

The well-known church designer, Sir Ninian Comper, restored and reordered the chancel during Edwardian times.

What the Friends do

The Friends of St Mary the Virgin was inaugurated in November 2009. The friends assist in the preservation of the building by giving of their money to cover annual expenditure for repairs, restoration, preservation and insurance as indicated in the regular (5 yearly) Report by the Church Architect and carried out under the auspices of the Parochial Church Council together with the Incumbent and the Churchwardens.

Fuller details of our objectives will be received upon membership. Members will also receive a Progress Report during the year, details of the AGM and information about any Fund Raising Events & Schemes,

In recent years the congregation and village community have raised funds to improve the lighting, re-shingle the tower, repair the roof of the north aisle and replace the south door with a new glass door.

What the Friends have done



The first project was the **cleaning and conservation** of the Madonna Roundel dating from 1220. The Roundel is situated in the south wall of the church. The full cost of £3,844.60 was completed in February 2011.

What the Friends hope to do in the future

During 2012 the Parochial Church Council agreed that the Second Project should be the repainting of the interior Church walls.

We the Incumbent, Churchwardens, PCC and Friend's warmly welcome and value your support. An annual subscription of not less than £10.00 is suggested. If you are a UK tax payer, you may like to consider completing a Gift Aid declaration which will improve our income by allowing us to reclaim the Income Tax. Considerable saving in correspondence and postage costs is effected by the use of a Banker's Order.

If commitment to an annual subscription is not for you, perhaps you would like to make a donation at this time. We are always grateful for any financial help we can get.

Thank you.

Form for Application for Membership:

To The Treasurer of the Friends' of St Mary's:
Peter Chadwick, 12A Rodney Avenue, Tonbridge, TN10 4JR

I wish to join the Friends of St. Mary the Virgin, Kemsing and am willing to:

A Pay an ANNUAL subscription of £_____ (minimum £10.00)

B Pay a SINGLE donation of £_____

I agree to my details being kept on a membership database. Y/N

Please use CAPITAL LETTERS

NAME & TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POSTCODE _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

All cheques should be made payable to 'St Mary the Virgin PCC Kemsing'

I enclose a *Banker's Order * Cheque * Cash

I want my donations and any donations I make in the future to be Gift Aided. I confirm that I have read the Gift Aid arrangements overleaf and that I pay or will pay sufficient tax.

BANKER'S ORDER

To. _____

(Please fill in the name and address of your Bank)

Please pay to Acct. No 00012841 Sort Code 40-52-40
for the benefit of St Mary the Virgin PCC Kemsing the sum of £_____
now and on the same day every YEAR until further notice.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

My Acct No, is _____ Sort Code _____

Gift Aid Arrangements

To be able to add Gift Aid to your donation or subscription, you must be a U.K. Taxpayer and have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax all charities (including Churches) and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and Council TAX do not qualify. The charity will re-claim 25p of tax on every £1 that is given.

You must notify the treasurer if:

- You want to cancel your declaration
- Change your name or address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or Capital Gains.
- Gift Aid is linked to basic tax rate tax. Basic tax rate is currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the £1.

Higher rate tax payers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate or additional rate tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.