



Make an annual donation now and become a Friend of Wateringbury Church

By making a minimum annual donation by standing order or by posting a cheque and the form to the address below, your household will become a Friend for the year April 2011 to March 2012.

This is not just a legacy project for us and future generations. You will also find a list of supporting local businesses online who may be prepared to offer discounts to

Friends should you decide to employ their services.

Once your membership has been confirmed, you will receive a membership card and number which will allow the Friends committee to maintain records of annual donations and enable you to offer proof of membership to supporting businesses.

Friends of Wateringbury Church (FOWC) membership form

To become a Friend, please complete the form below.

- Household membership (2011 / 2012) - £10 Household membership-Multiple years at £10 per annum
 Additional donation of £ _____ Life membership - £250

Full name _____

Address _____

Post code _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

How would you like to pay? Standing order Cheque (make payable to Friends of Wateringbury Church)

If paying by standing order, please quote the following details:

Bank name - Co-operative Bank

Account name - Friends of Wateringbury Church

Sort code - 08 92 99

Account number - 65454374

If you can, please Gift Aid your subscription by ticking the box below:

- I am a UK taxpayer and would like the tax on my donation to be reclaimed through the Gift Aid scheme. I have paid an amount of tax that at least equals the tax deducted from this contribution. Please treat all gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations.

Signed _____ Date _____

Return your completed form to:

Frances English, FOWC Secretary, 78 Old Road, Wateringbury, Maidstone, Kent, ME18 5PP

www.fowc.org.uk

Data Protection: We will use your details to process your membership, provide you with information regarding FOWC and to enable us to carry out our membership activities. We will not share your details with any third party.



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU...

www.fowc.org.uk



...AND YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR CHURCH

New Friends in our village

Churches old and new are an essential part of England's finest architecture.

Three-quarters of our parish churches are listed buildings, but it can cost a huge amount to keep them in good condition.

I asked William English to form The Friends of the Church of St John the Baptist to provide resources to do just that by raising money to maintain and improve the building and its churchyard. Our church has been at the centre of village life for more than 900 years, and is of huge practical value to everyone who lives in Wateringbury. It's the focal point for our local school, scouts and guides, mothers and toddlers, as well as supporting, and being supported by, the Wateringbury Players, the History Society and a whole range of other community activities that all contribute to making living in Wateringbury so enjoyable.

Our village needs the church and the church needs you – I hope you will join the Friends and help to keep it in good shape.

You will be helping to preserve one of Kent's best buildings and the work of the church in our community.

Revd Jim Brown,
Vicar & Rural Dean



Why become a Friend?

The aim of the Friends of Wateringbury Church (FOWC) is to raise funds to assist with the maintenance of, improvements to, and preservation of the building and churchyard of the Church of St John the Baptist, Wateringbury and by doing so, support and enable the Church of England with the advancement and development of its work within the parish community.



Friends Committee

Important Church Maintenance

Like all old buildings, the church needs constant upkeep. Your donations will be prioritised towards important projects such as:

- Replacing wooden shingles on the spire
- Repairing stained-glass windows and possible re-leading

Until now, this sort of work has had to be funded from other sources, which limits the church's capacity to support other vital community projects.

Why our church is important to the village



Wateringbury School

"The close relationship that Wateringbury Church of England Primary School enjoys with the local church of St John the Baptist is vital in helping us communicate our Christian purpose to the whole school and local community." Mrs Vinall, Head Teacher



Guide and Scout Group

The Wateringbury Guide and Scout Group supports the Church every year by attending the Remembrance Sunday Parade. They enjoy a diverse programme of adventurous learning and fun activities for children of all ages, from kayaking to craftwork and helping others.



The Easter Project

The Easter Project began in 2006 as an annual event for Primary School children from Wateringbury and beyond. It takes place in the church on Easter Saturday, with activities based around the Easter Story, with singing, crafts and prizes for the children.



Fair Trade

The Fair Trade goods stall is run on most Sundays and at church events, with goods bought from Traidcraft, which was launched in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty, working closely with an international development charity.



Abbeyfield Greensted

The Abbeyfield Kent Society - Greensted offers residential care for nearly 40 older people. Located in Wateringbury since 1972, it's a valuable part of the community and works with the Church of St John the Baptist to ensure the residents' spiritual needs are met.

Check out supporting businesses online they may offer Friends a discount
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