

Friends of St. Andrew's Church
Sonning
Gift Aid Declaration

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Who are we?

Friends of St. Andrew's Church (FoSt.AC) is a group of volunteers working with the Church and local community to provide a source of funds for major capital projects for St. Andrew's Church located in the beautiful and classic Thames-side village of Sonning. We have already identified much-needed repairs to the roof. Other future projects include repair and upkeep of the stained glass windows.

We are setting up as a charity to enable tax efficient raising of funds for such projects. We hope, with your support, over the coming years to build a fund sufficient to keep the Church as a centre of worship, mission and community life and to arouse and foster interest in our lovely Church and village.

How can you help us?

- **Become a Friend:** You can register your support in becoming a Friend by completing and returning the attached form. Registration enables us to make available quarterly news bulletins about forthcoming Church and Friends events. *We suggest an annual donation, please give as generously as you can.*
- **Donations through Gift Aid.** Friends who pay UK income tax may complete the attached Gift Aid form. This enables the Friends, as a charity, to recover tax appropriate to the amount of the subscription or gift. This is of considerable benefit to the Friends and at no extra cost to the subscribers. Gift Aid donations can be cancelled at any time.
- **Legacies:** The work of the Friends benefits considerably from bequests. A bequest form is available from the Church Office.

About St. Andrew's Church. Sonning

St. Andrew's Church is on a site that has been used for Christian worship dating back to Saxon times; pieces of Saxon sculpture can be seen built into the Church tower.

The Church once had a chapel dedicated to "St. Sarik". It was in existence in c.1600 and may have been at the east end of the church, possibly on the site of the south chancel aisle (now under the organ).

St. Sarik, Sonning's Saint, apparently treated madness. Sarik may be identified with St. Cyricus. It is probable that one of the Bishops, possibly Sigeric who may have seen St. Cyricus as his patron, had acquired a relic for Sonning.

The superb 15th century sculpted arch on the northern side of the chancel is thought to have come from this chapel. Sonning is one of only two Berkshire churches to have been the scene of an Episcopal consecration: that of William Scammel in 1284.

The Church has a fine collection of 13 & 14th century monuments: Laurence Fyton (1434); 16th century brasses and later monuments to the Barker family; and Sir Thomas Rich (1667).

In 1850-52 the Church was largely rebuilt in its current gothic style during the incumbency of Canon Hugh Pearson. In 1948, following the Second World War, an extensive walled graveyard was created from reclaimed bricks of bombed-out houses in London.

In 2000 the St. Sarik Room was built on the site of the old mortuary. Today this building provides much needed additional facilities. It houses a covered, yet illuminated, well that was discovered during the building work.

St. Andrew's Church has a wonderful selection of stained glass windows and a fully functional peel of eight bells; the Tenor bell weighing over one Ton and dating back to 1640. The Clock Tower bell dates back to the 12th Century.

In 2001 the organ, originally installed in 1865, was fully refurbished.

St. Andrew's Church is part of our national heritage. Please help us to preserve it for future generations to enjoy.

**Friends of St. Andrew's Church
Sonning
Friendship Registration**

Please return this form intact to: The Treasurer of the Friends, The Vicarage, Thames Street. Sonning. Berkshire. RG4 6UR

We suggest an annual donation, please give as generously as you can.

I wish to be registered as a Friend of St. Andrew's Church and am willing to pay an annual subscription of

£.....

Either by Gift Aid donation, Banker's Order, Cheque or Cash (Delete as applicable). Electronic transfers can also be made to the following: National Westminster Bank plc, Account: Friends of St. Andrew's Church. Account Number.88598470, Sort Code: 60-17-21

All cheques should be made payable to "Friends of St. Andrew's Church"

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