

The Friends of
ST. EDMUND'S
CHURCH

SEDFIELD, COUNTY DURHAM

~ An Introductory Guide ~



We need your help to
protect our beautiful
Church for the future

– become a Friend of St. Edmund's Church



The Parish Church of St. Edmund's is a building which attracts hundreds of visitors each year. The Norman church tower is visible for some miles and has become a landmark synonymous with Sedgfield.



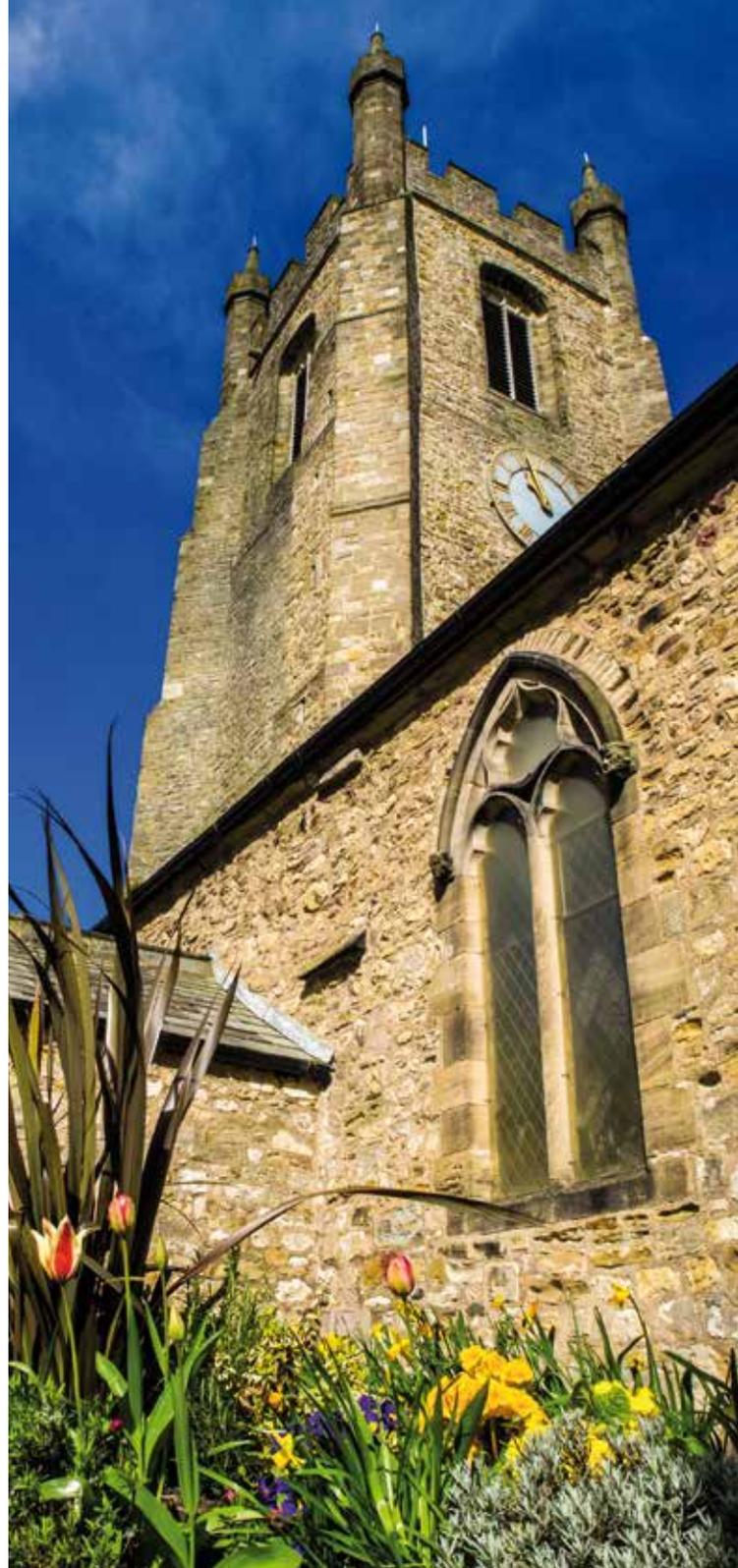
St. Edmund's Church is already over 750 years old, with building having commenced soon after the Magna Carta was signed. Today, with some of the original Norman features still intact but showing their age, it does mean that a significant amount of maintenance and restoration work is required year after year.

Everyone in Sedgfield benefits from the church building, even if it is just to check the time! It is a magnificent sight that characterises Sedgfield, attracts many visitors and is one reason why people want to live in this village.

Imagine if the church fell into disrepair and became an eyesore, not an asset?

The church has a strong regular congregation, but the costs of maintaining such a large building are huge, so help is needed from everyone if we are to continue to enjoy this irreplaceable asset in our community.

The Friends of St. Edmund's is a Society dedicated to restoring and maintaining St. Edmund's Church into the Third millennium.





The Friends of St. Edmund's Church exists to support the fabric of the Parish Church. Our main objective is to raise funds to help maintain this unique community asset, irrespective of religious commitments.



The funding is generated by donations from members and various fundraising events organised by a group of volunteers.

The donations gathered from individuals and local businesses will help secure the building from the ravages of time.

Since formation in November 1999, 'The Friends' has carried out and supported many projects – some minor and some major.



- *Repairs to plasterwork and re-painting around the Font area, the south aisle and south Transept, north aisle and north Transept and sanctuary.*
- *Replacement of the metal hinges to the south door.*
- *Repairs to the front Chancel floor (ongoing).*
- *Renewal of mains electrical switchgear in Vestry.*
- *Repairs to the heating system, levelling, repairing north aisle floor, re-fixing wall panelling.*
- *Providing disabled ramp and toilet facilities to the Vestry area.*
- *Contribution to the funding of the new church path, steps in to Cross Street, handrail and lighting columns.*
- *Alterations to the porch floor to provide disabled access. Provision of disabled ramp facilities internally.*
- *Provision of the Quiet Chapel where people can sit quietly with their own thoughts and prayers.*
- *Following work to the main electrical switchgear, the current major project is the whole of the internal lighting system.*
- *Upgrade to meeting room area fuseboard phase 1; a major project.*



There are so many more projects that need our urgent attention in maintaining the Church for the future.



Fundraising Activities & Events

We hold a number of social and fund raising events every year; such as jazz nights, barbecues, quiz nights, musical concerts, conducted visits to historic interests and abseils down the Church tower.

Corporate Membership

We also look for corporate members to join Friends, showing their support for the Church building and the community. Recognition of this support is acknowledged by a certificate of membership and by inclusion in our website. We also mention corporate support in our publications, newsletters and at Friends events. Please contact us for further information.

For further information, please contact:

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Membership Secretary

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Friends of St. Edmund's Church Membership Form

I would like to contribute to help with the protection of the Church by becoming a Friend of St. Edmund's.

Title: _____ First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Annual Membership (<i>individual</i>) | £25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Annual Family Membership | £35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Annual Corporate Membership | £50.00 |

Payment Methods:

1. Cheque

I enclose a Cheque/Postal Order made payable to 'Friends of St. Edmund's Church'.

2. Bankers Order

A Standing Order saves us time and is a great help.

Bankers Order Form:

To: *The Manager* _____

Name of Bank/Building Society: _____

Address of Bank/Building Society _____

Please pay '*Friends of St. Edmund's Church*' the sum of £ _____

On receipt of this order and continue to pay this amount annually until further notice.

Account in name of: _____

Current Account number: _____

Bank/Building Society sort code: _____

Beneficiary: Friends of St Edmund's. C/O Barclays Bank,
Sedgfield Branch, Account No: 80539015 Sort Code 20-82-18

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Gift Aid

If you're a taxpayer, you'll already have paid tax on any money you donate to charity. When you donate, the charity will ask you whether you want to donate through Gift Aid – if you do, they'll be able to claim back the tax you originally paid at the basic rate of 20%.

Gift Aid Declaration:

Title: _____ First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

I would like Friends of St.Edmund's Church to treat all donations I have previously made and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Notes:

1. You may cancel this declaration at any time by notifying Friends of St.Edmund's Church in writing.
2. You must be a standard or higher rate taxpayer.
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax as mentioned in note 2, you must cancel your declaration.
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you may be able to claim further Tax Relief in your Self Assessment return.
5. The Tax Office has a leaflet IR113 'Gift Aid' if you need any further information.
6. Please notify Friends of St.Edmund's Church if you change your name or address.

Please return this form to:

Brian Mutch

Membership Secretary

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Sedgefield

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Friends of St.Edmund's Church will not pass on your name and address to any other organisation. We may from time to time send you details about other activities of St.Edmund's Church, including joint initiatives. If you would prefer not to receive such information, please tick the box.