



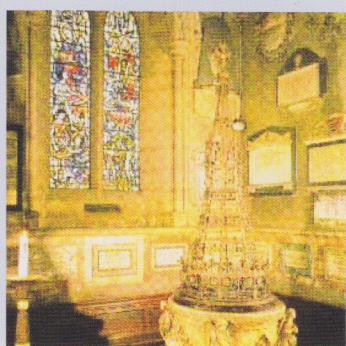
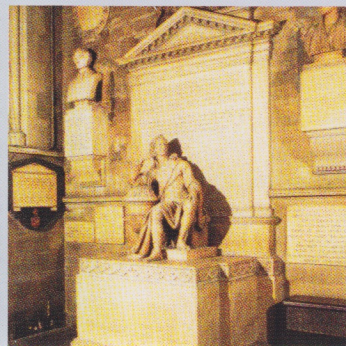
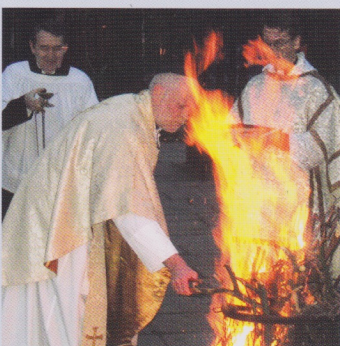
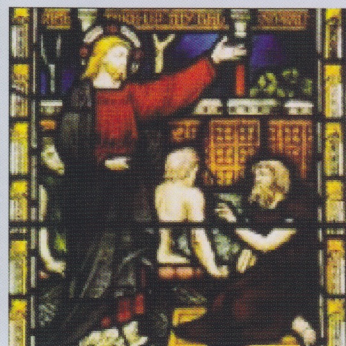
The Friends

of St Mary Abbots Church



Charity Registration No: 1086214

Details of Membership and Application Form



Who are the Friends?

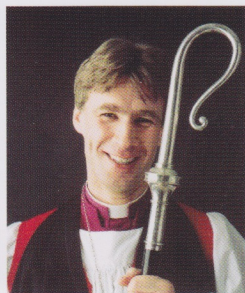
Membership of the Friends of St Mary Abbots is open to people of all faiths and those of none who care about and have an interest in this beautiful church in the heart of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Formed in 2001 the Friends are made up of parishioners of the church, residents of the Kensington community, local businesses and associations and members in other countries who wish to be associated with the work of the Friends in helping to maintain the fabric and fittings of this fine example of Sir George Gilbert Scott's legendary church architecture.

The Friends is a lively association deeply involved in the St Mary Abbots church community and undertaking a range of projects which we support through fund raising, bequests and sponsorship of events.

Successful projects funded by the Friends include the installation of a new Chiming Bell in the church tower (the first new bell since 1872), provision of new carpeting around the altars, improvements to lighting inside the churchyard, donation of a new set of surplices for both the adult and children's choirs in support of the excellent musical traditions of St Mary Abbots and many other works to repair and maintain this splendid church, often referred to informally in the area as the Pro-Cathedral of Kensington!

Our active team of Patrons includes The Prime Minister, The Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Prof. Lord Alton of Liverpool, Rt Rev'd & Rt Hon. Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, Mr Guy Heald, Rt Hon. Sir Malcolm Rifkind MP, Councillor Christopher Buckmaster, Rt Rev'd Michael Colclough, Rt Rev'd Tim Thornton, Bishop of Truro, Mr Anthony Howard CBE and the Rev'd Preb. Ian L. Robson.



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What benefits do I receive if I join the Friends?

- The Church's grateful thanks for your support and membership of this world-wide group will include invitations to major events held throughout the year including the St Mary Abbots Summer Fête, the Patronal Festival held in the church, our famous Kensington Christmas Fair and our hugely popular Community Christmas Carol Service with the professional choir of St Mary Abbots and the choir of St Bride's.
- The opportunity to take part in a lively programme of events which include talks, visits, concerts and to attend our AGM and Summer Cocktail Party held in the garden of the Vicarage of St Mary Abbots.
- Regular issues of the full colour Friends of St Mary Abbots Newsletter updating you on all our events and activities throughout the year.



To join the Friends

Please complete the application form overleaf and send it to the Hon. Membership Secretary, Friends of St Mary Abbots, Parish Office, St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8 4HN or hand in to the Vestry in the church. You will receive a receipt for your membership.

If you prefer to simply make a donation please makes cheques payable to 'The Friends of St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington', and send to the Hon. Treasurer at the address above.



Children amazed at the size of the new chiming bell funded by the Friends.

Application for Membership

*I would like to join
the Friends
of St Mary Abbots*



Please tick

- Individual Member Annual Fee (UK) £12.00
- Individual International Member Annual Fee £15.00
- Joint Members (Couples/Partners) UK Annual Fee £20.00
- Joint International Members (Couples/Partners) Annual Fee £25.00
- 10 year Member (UK) £100.00
- 10 year Member (International) £125.00
- Corporate Annual (Businesses/Shops/Hotels etc) £100.00
- Individual Unwaged Member Annual Fee (UK) £4.00
- I enclose a Donation of £ _____
- Please send me details of how to leave the Friends money in my Will

Title Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____; e-mail address: _____

Cheques to 'The Friends of St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington'

I am a UK taxpayer and wish tax to be reclaimed on my current and future subscription(s)/donations under the Gift Aid scheme

*Please post to The Friends of St Mary Abbots, The Parish Office,
St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8 4HN*