

Application Form

I/We wish to join the Friends of Sandon Church

Name

Address

Post code

Email

Tel. No

Standing Order Mandate

To Bank

Bank Address

On the / / (date) and the 1st October annually thereafter, until further notice from me/us, please pay Nat West Chelmsford Branch

Account name - Friends of Sandon Church Sort code - 60-05-13

Account number -19086792

£ Annually (insert sum and in words)

Debiting my/our account number

Signature Date...../...../.....

Cheque/Cash Mandate

I/We prefer to pay the Friends subscription by this method and enclose the sum of £

We understand further subscriptions are due on the 1st October each year thereafter.

Donation

I enclose a donation of £ payable to The Friends of Sandon Church.

A Life or Annual member. (Please tick)

£200 Joint Life/ £130 Single Life £20

Joint Annual/ £10 Single Annual

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like the Friends of Sandon Church to reclaim the Tax on this and all future donations, **please tick at the side of the words Gift Aid.**

Signature Date...../...../.....

Please return to Friends of Sandon Church,

The Treasurer 2 Gablefields, Sandon CM2 7SP

Friends of Sandon Church



Can you imagine Sandon without it's Church?

Dear parishioner

Do you value the church in Sandon? The church has been in Sandon for almost a thousand years and we would like it to be there in another thousand. Do you want to be part of handing on this heritage to future generations? I am writing with an urgent appeal for help in securing the future of St. Andrew's Church in Sandon.

There is nothing better than seeing a magnificent old building in a historic setting. Most people assume that the building and its grounds are someone else's responsibility, but this is not the case with a church. Churches "belong" to the community they serve, and the community has a responsibility to help to preserve them. We have a duty to make sure that when our descendants pass by they too will see the magnificent building and all the history it contains. Whether you are religious or not, we all have to look after our heritage and environment to be able to pass it on to future generations.

The Friends of Sandon Church

That is why the Friends of Sandon Church was formed as a registered charity in October 2014. The Friends will be raising money by membership and special fund raising events to help maintain the fabric of the church. Their aim is:

- To preserve the church for future generations to enjoy.
- To maintain and improve the building for use by the whole community.
- To support the conservation of the country churchyard as a haven of peace.
- Have helped in raising funds for the retiling of the church in 2017

Why do we need your help?

Because old buildings cost money to maintain!

As with any old building, frosts loosen the rendering, rain penetrates, beetles munch the timber and damp rises. Modern regulations make even minor repairs expensive, and a Grade 2 listed building needs high levels of craftsmanship.

Recently we have had our church roof replaced and although we received grants it was The Friends who raised money to help with the project. We know that sometime soon we will have to tackle the following problems:

- Increasing public use of the building - The Friends will need to fund the installation of a new sound system to improve the facilities of the church.
- Redecoration of the inside of the church.
- Improve the lighting in church.
- Improve the heating in church.

How can you help?

- You can give a donation to help by sending a cheque to Friends

of Sandon Church and gift aid your donation.

- Become a Friend of Sandon Church by completing the Friends membership form.
- By joining The Friends Committee.
- By supporting the fundraising events
- By helping with working parties in the churchyard.
- By remembering The Friends in your will.

Make sure you are part of the history of Sandon.

I do hope that you can help us to maintain and enhance St. Andrew's Church Sandon.

Become a friend

Become a Friend and enjoy the varied fundraising events we organise each year, as either a Life or Annual member.

£200 Joint Life/ £130 Single Life £20 Joint Annual/ £10 Single Annual Fill in application form overleaf.

Thank you in anticipation for your help.

The Revd. Terry Brown Rector