

# THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES

## THE ABBOT

For several hundred years, St. Giles has stood proud on the edge of the village of Farnborough, overlooking the rolling fields and woodlands of Kent. It has withstood some violent storms in its time and has suffered structurally on occasions. Twice the tower has been severely damaged and once the roof was totally destroyed.

From early times, St. Giles has been a place of comfort to a great many people, both regular worshippers and occasional visitors. The very young have been accepted into the Christian faith at the font near the West door. Many a bride has been joined in the sight of God to her betrothed facing the beautiful stained glass windows above the altar and many have found comfort when having to say farewell to a loved one in bereavement.

St. Giles is a church with a long and happy history, a warm and welcoming building which makes a return visit a must for many who have entered its doors. Many people of note have had connections with St. Giles such as Dr. Thomas Young, who helped to interpret the hieroglyphics on the Rosetta Stone. Urania Boswell, the Gypsy Queen, died on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1933 and is buried in the churchyard.

Perhaps you have memories of time spent here at a Baptism or a Wedding or joining in one of our many regular services. If so, you may well wish to return and recall the happy event.

St. Giles is proud of its many visitors and wishes to extend a hand of friendship to all. You can help us keep in touch with you from time to time by becoming A FRIEND OF ST. GILES THE ABBOT.

The Friends exists to help raise the funds necessary to maintain the beauty of St. Giles the Abbot church for future generations to enjoy.

We are also here for when the church needs money in an emergency or for when help is needed towards various items.

Over the years the Committee members have changed many times, each one bringing with them their own ideas for fund raising. We would always welcome new volunteers.

We thought it would be of interest to let you see donations which have been made since the Friends were founded.

- 1997 - The Paschal Candle Stand
- 1998 – A Lectern Bible
- 2002 – A donation towards the Verger's new robes
- 2005 - Lych Gate refurbishment
- 2006 – A donation towards chancel and gallery carpet costs
- 2009 – A donation towards the cost of a new boiler in the church
- 2012 – A donation towards the new peal of bells at St. Giles
  - A donation towards the interior redecoration of St. Giles.



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*Registered Charity No. 1059427*

### Membership Application

I / We\* wish to join the Friends of St. Giles the Abbot: (\*delete as appropriate)

**Title:**  
**Forename:**  
**Surname:**  
**Address:**  
  
**Postcode:**  
**Telephone:**  
**Email**


Members' names and addresses will be held on our computer, but will be protected under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. Details will not be disclosed to any other organisations.

**I enclose the sum of: £ \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Minimum £10 for 12 months membership  
(Cheques payable to  
THE FRIENDS OF ST. GILES THE ABBOT)

I would like, in future, to pay yearly by Standing Order.

If you are a UK taxpayer the Friends of St. Giles will be able to claim the tax back you have paid on any donations you make and we will therefore be very grateful if you will sign the Gift Aid Declaration on this Application Form.

**Please return this form to:** The Membership Secretary, Mrs Sue Ellis, 60 Gladstone Road, Farnborough, Orpington, Kent BR6 7DY.  
Telephone No: 01689 607256

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities (including churches) and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

**Full Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (including postcode):**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES:

- Please notify the church/charity if you
- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax. Basic rate tax is currently 20%, which currently allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the pound.
- Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate or additional rate tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

## THE FRIENDS OF ST. GILES THE ABBOT

If you would like to maintain a link with this beautiful old church, why not become a Friend?



The Friends of St. Giles the Abbot are people who are united by their common love of St. Giles.

Founded in 1996, the Friends have raised some £100,000 in support of the church including building up an investment fund to help provide grants in the future.

If you would like to become A FRIEND OF ST. GILES THE ABBOT, please complete the form overleaf.

For further information about becoming a Friend of St. Giles, please contact  
Sue Ellis, Secretary  
on 01689 607256 or write to:  
60 Gladstone Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 7DY.

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**Join The Friends**



**PRESIDENT:**  
The Rector of St. Giles The Abbot