

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Somersham



Why did we need Friends of the Church?



What can the FRIENDS do?

- **Hold events** to generate funds for the maintenance etc. of the fabric of the church
- **Use individual skills** and expertise to advance projects that improve the church building
- **Volunteer** to carry out work in and around the building such as grass cutting and other church maintenance
- **Raise money** from other organisations in the form of grants
- **Hold talks** on church buildings and historic artefacts



How the Friends will be Run

The Friends will be run by an Executive Committee consisting of 8 members from across the parish. However, because the building is the responsibility of the Rector, Churchwardens and the PCC the committee will include:

- A Churchwarden
- A Member of the Parochial Church Council

The Incumbent of the Parish will have the right to attend meetings as an ex officio member

Getting Started

A meeting was held in the church on the 5 May 2010 at 7.30pm to form an executive committee for the FRIENDS OF SOMERSHAM PARISH CHURCH

- At that meeting the Executive Committee was elected.
- A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were elected.
- A constitution was approved.

FRIENDS OF SOMERSHAM PARISH CHURCH
was formed

Who are the Friends of Somersham Parish Church

- **Our members** are people who have an interest in the church as a building but do not necessarily attend services in the church.
- **What we do**
- We raise funds to maintain and improve the Parish Church – Somersham's oldest building
- We try to get the building used for more community events such as concerts and exhibitions

We do not

Give **any** money for the running of the Church services

Pay **anything** towards the Rector's salary

Give **any** money to the Diocese of Ely

In **JOINING US** and becoming a '**Friend of Somersham Parish Church**' FRIENDS will help preserve the future of this 800-year-old building - Annual membership is currently only £5

Members receive **quarterly newsletters**

Members receive an invitation to our annual **Garden Party**

We also run a **100 Club Lottery** with monthly draws. Shares are sold at £5 per month for a minimum contract period of 12 months payable by Standing Order either monthly, or annually.

What of the Future

We see the need to make the church building accessible to all within the community:

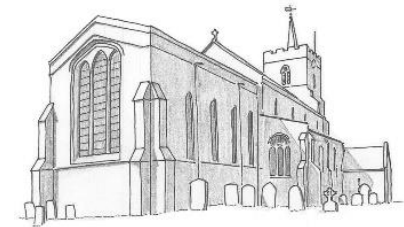


- Exhibitions
- Concerts
- School Presentations
- Festivals
- Activities by Youth Groups

Our Logo

Friends of Somersham Parish Church

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Produce Stall at the Bus Shelter





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Concerts in the Church



Exhibitions in the Church



Heritage Exhibition



Our Display stand at Somersham Carnival

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YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!
Will you help us to maintain our magnificent Parish Church for future generations?

For over eight centuries the people of this village have maintained and developed our parish church. It is a place of peace and tranquility at the heart of the village, used and cherished by many and available to all. It is open daily, and you are always welcome to drop in for some quiet time.

The FRIENDS OF SOMERSHAM PARISH CHURCH are people who have an interest in, or an attachment to, the building.

The Parish Church has been in the village for hundreds of years. Now it's our turn to safeguard it for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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WHAT WE DO
• We raise funds to maintain and improve the Parish Church - Somersham's oldest building
• We care for the building and the many wonderful events and opportunities available in it.

WHAT WE GET
• A vote in the running of the Church services
• A free parking licence for the Parish's users
• A share and control in the Church of All Saints

JOIN US and become a Friend of Somersham Parish Church and help preserve the future of this 1000-year-old building. Annual membership is only £2

You will receive quality newsletters.
Members receive an invitation to our annual Quarter Party.
Members receive an important financial support for the fabric of the church, but you will also share your support for the work that we are doing to make sure that the building and its history is there for future generations.

We also run a 100 Club Lottery with monthly draws. When we meet at 12 noon monthly for a minimum 12 months period of 12 months prior to the Spring Draw (one monthly, or annually. Please see for further details if you would like to join)

Friends of Somersham Parish Church
Annual membership form

100 Club
Registration form

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Could Somersham Church go from This



To This



It could without our help

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SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE HELPED TO FUND in the last few years

The Friends have provided:

- New LED Lighting - contribution = £18,100 (Total cost £23,570)
- Rebuilding of the Chancel Roof - contribution = £2,000 (Total cost £32,260)
- Installation of efficient heating system - contribution = £5,000 (Total cost £67,600)
- Refurbishment of the Tower Clock - contribution = £3,250 (Total cost £16,640)
- Restoration of the Clock mechanism - £212 (Total cost received)
- Restoration and roofing of the South Porch - contribution = £5,000 (Total cost £23,280)

Other money for these projects came from other Grant giving organisations









Permanent Display in the Church

