

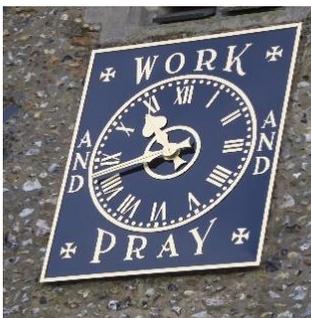


Become a Friend of St Mary's Sheering and help to maintain this beautiful Grade-one-listed parish church

Most of the building is fourteenth century except for the north aisle (added 1902) and the tower.



The base of the tower dates from Norman times, and the Norman font is located there.



The tower-clock is a World War II memorial. It has an unusual "master-slave" mechanism.

Mediaeval survivals include:

- Stained glass in the upper lights of the east window, said to be "as good as anything in the V&A"



- The nave roof with its forty-foot main oak beam (perhaps brought from Hatfield Forest?)

- A fragment of stained glass depicting the rare subject of a mermaid



- The imposing main door and the door to the vestry

- Patches of wall painting in the chancel (found during fire repairs in 2010)



Church activities (<https://e-voice.org.uk/ht-sm-churches>)



Services are in church on Sundays at 10.30 am each week. A quiet area is set aside for prayer before and afterwards. Mid-week activities include home groups, choir practice and Tuesday Teas (tea and chat). Services on Zoom are provided for those unable to attend church in person: email SixVillagesZoomCodes@gmail.com for login details.

There is a warm welcome to all services and to everyone associated with the church - whether it is through baptisms, weddings and funerals, getting involved with annual festivals, or looking after the churchyard and Church Room as volunteers.

The Friends organisation is just one way of becoming linked to the church and its life, and supporting the small but lively congregation in maintaining the building and grounds.

How do I get on the mailing list?

Provide your contact details on the form opposite and send it to us.

How do I subscribe to membership?

Complete the form opposite, and return it with your first donation to the address shown.

What does membership cost?

Membership is by annual donation or life membership. We suggest the following amounts. However no donation is too small, and all will be acknowledged.

Individual annual donation	£10
Unwaged	£5
Family annual donation	£25
Individual life membership	£100
Family life membership	£250

Once you subscribe:

- We put you on the mailing list for a regular newsletter.
- You get advance notice of events arranged by the Friends.
- We keep you up to date on matters relating to the building and grounds.
- We keep you informed about special events taking place in church.

How will my subscription or gift be used?

All funds raised by the Friends organisation are earmarked for the upkeep of the fabric of the church buildings and grounds. Updates are provided in the newsletter.

If you Gift-Aid your donation(s), we can claim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate - at no cost to you. We do the paperwork - you just need to complete the appropriate section on the form opposite.

Volunteers maintain the grounds



Friends event



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Registered Charity Number 1149115

Please complete this form and return it to:

Treasurer, Friends of St Mary's Sheering
c/o 72 Crown Close
Sheering
Bishops Stortford
CM22 7NE

Please add me to the Friends mailing list.*

Please enrol me as a subscriber to Friend of St Mary's Sheering.*

I enclose £ as an annual * / life* donation. [Cheques should be made payable to Friends of St Mary's Sheering.]

***I wish to make regular payments by Bankers Order** [Please complete the form overleaf].

Title First name or initial(s)

Surname

Full home address

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If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the declaration below. This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given at no extra cost to you or us. Thank you.

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NOTES

- Please notify the Treasurer 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, currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated.
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To the Manager: (name of your bank)

Bank Address

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Post Code

Sort Code

Please pay to Friends of St Mary's Sheering
at NatWest Bank, Harlow Town Centre Branch, 12 The Rows, Stone Cross, Harlow,
Essex CM20 1DA
Sort Code 60-10-05
for the credit of Account No 60421533

the sum of £..... (£.....)
Please enter the amount in both figures and words

commencing on the day of 202.....

and a like sum every month* / quarter* / year* in favour of Friends of St Mary's Sheering

and debit my account No.

THIS ORDER REPLACES ANY EXISTING ORDER IN MY NAME TO THE ACCOUNT OF FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S SHEERING.

Title..... First Name):

Surname

Full home address

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Postcode Phone number
(in case of queries)

Signature Date