



Friends of St Michael's Church Aldbourne



Become a Friend of St Michael's Church to:

- Help maintain and improve the church fabric for the benefit of the whole village
- Support the regular upkeep of the churchyard
- Hear about our regular concerts and events
- Be kept in touch with our projects and progress through regular newsletters
- Be invited to social events and enjoy reduced ticket prices for our fundraising activities.

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Charity number: 1102788

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We are a village charity dedicated to ensuring the future of our heritage church building and churchyard for the benefit of the whole community

If you would like to join The Friends of St Michael's Church, please complete and return to: The Treasurer, 14 The Green, Aldbourne, Wiltshire SN8 2BW

Please tick as appropriate

- ☐ I/We wish to join the Friends of St Michael's Church, Aldbourne and
- ☐ Enclose the sum of £
- ☐ Wish to pay by Standing Order and have completed the form below
- ☐ Request that all current and future donations I make to the Friends of St Michael's Church are treated as Gift Aid, and confirm that I pay an amount of income or capital gains tax that at least equals the tax that will be reclaimed on my donation/s in the relevant tax year.

Name:

Address:
.....Post Code:

Email:

Signature:Date:

Bank Payments and Standing Orders

If you wish to make a payment or set up a regular standing order by personal internet banking you will need our bank account details:

The Friends of St Michael's Church, Co-op Bank account no. 65125425,
Sort Code 08-92-99.

If you would rather we set up the standing order for you, please complete and sign the following:

To (your bank name and address):

Your account number:.....Sort Code:

I request that you set up a regular Standing Order for the sum of £..... to be paid into the above bank account of The Friends of St Michael's Church, Aldbourne on the day of 20.... and the same sum on the same day every successive **month/quarter/year*** until further notice.

****Delete as appropriate.***

Signature:Date:



Our church in Aldbourne has been at the centre of village life since Norman times and probably earlier. In 1150 the first Norman church was built on the current site, but this was burnt down in the early C13th, being replaced with the beginnings of the present church – originally dedicated to St Mary Magdalene.

In the C15th the church was substantially modified and rededicated to St Michael.

From the earliest times the church will have played a significant role in the lives of the villagers, not only for worship but as a community centre where people gathered to exchange news and support one another.

Today, while the primary function of Christian worship and celebration continues, the church building is regularly used for other community activities and celebrations and plays a special part in the life of the school.

For the future we hope that the church will remain integral to the heart of our village and we aim to make it more accessible to everyone, featuring as much in community life as it does physically in the centre of the village. The churchyard provides our community with somewhere to sit and reflect in tranquil surroundings, a place to visit the graves of loved ones and as a haven for wildlife.

We would encourage anyone who lives, or has lived, or who has an interest in Aldbourne to become a 'Friend'. In the hope that a great many will do so, it has been decided to keep the annual minimum subscription to a sum that all can afford, namely £8, or £10 per couple, although it is hoped that many will feel able to give more.

In addition to ongoing repairs to the church fabric, The Friends of St Michael's Church have supported the following projects: refurbishment and updating of the tower clock; new kitchen, toilet and storage cupboards; new heating; pew cushions; modern lighting system; glass doors in the porch; repairs to the churchyard wall.

Friends are notified regularly of the various events which are organised each year for the benefit of the Charity.